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OF THE

WHITE RIVER ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH,

HELD AT

JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, DEC. 16-20, 1908

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DATES OF ADMISSION

George A. Dannelly.....	1852	W. T. Locke.....	1899
Henry T. Gregory.....	1866	J. D. Kelly.....	1900
William M. Watson.....	1867	A. C. Cloyes.....	1900
John F. Armstrong.....	1871	H. V. Johnson.....	1900
Zachary T. Bennett.....	1876	G. S. Morehead.....	1901
James F. Jernigan.....	1876	J. S. Watson.....	1901
Samuel L. Cochran.....	1876	Robert A. Robertson.....	1902
Milton B. Umsted.....	1876	I. D. McClure.....	1902
Alonzo C. Griffin.....	1877	Wilbur L. Oliver.....	1903
Nicholas E. Skinner.....	1879	Cadesman Pope.....	1903
Matthew M. Smith.....	1879	James W. Thomas.....	1904
William W. Anderson.....	1883	C. L. Castleberry.....	1905
Francis A. Jeffett.....	1883	Henry B. Smith.....	1905
James R. Edwards.....	1885	T. O. Rorie.....	1905
James D. Rutledge.....	1885	A. T. Galloway.....	1905
Alex M. R. Branson.....	1886	W. S. Yarbrough.....	1905
Robert H. Grissett.....	1888	B. L. Harris.....	1906
Prentis B. Wallis.....	1888	Boone L. Wilford.....	1905
Thomas B. Williamson.....	1888	John McKelvey.....	1906
Francis M. Smith.....	1889	W. H. Woodfin.....	1906
S. F. Brown.....	1890	Luther C. Craig.....	1906
R. C. Morehead.....	1891	John H. Dye.....	1906
H. E. May.....	1892	E. M. Pipkin.....	1906
W. D. Ellis.....	1892	Emmet K. Sewell.....	1907
E. N. Bickley.....	1892	John H. Barrentine.....	1907
Fay C. Sterling.....	1893	Edward Forrest.....	1907
Thomas A. Bowen.....	1893	R. B. McSwain.....	1907
W. F. Walker.....	1894	J. R. Nelson.....	1907
J. K. Farris.....	1894	F. N. Looney.....	1907
A. E. Holloway.....	1894	H. H. Hunt.....	1907
W. C. Davidson.....	1894	R. P. Wilson.....	1907
A. F. Skinner.....	1895	W. F. Hudson.....	1907
W. E. Hall.....	1895	J. T. Hood.....	1908
J. M. Thrasher.....	1896	Jonathan A. Roberts.....	1908
Fred Little.....	1896	Wm. Floyd Blevins.....	1908
W. P. Talkington.....	1898	Eli Craig.....	1908
W. S. Southworth.....	1898		

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1908.

The White River Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in its Thirty-Ninth Session in the First Church in the city of Jonesboro, Arkansas, at 9 a. m. December 16, 1908, with Bishop E. R. Hendrix in the chair.

Bishop Hendrix conducted the opening religious services, using Hymn 332 and reading part of John 15. He talked on the "Friendship of Christ for his disciples."

F. M. Daniel, Secretary of the last Conference, called the roll and the following members were found present:

Clerical—Henry T. Gregory, William M. Watson, Zachary T. Bennett, Samuel L. Cochran, Milton B. Umsted, Alonzo C. Griffin, Nicholas E. Skinner, Matthew M. Smith, Wm. W. Anderson, Francis A. Jeffett, Jas. R. Edwards, Jas. D. Rutledge, Alex. M. R. Branson, Robert H. Grissett, Prentis B. Wallis, Thomas B. Williamson, S. F. Brown, R. C. Morehead, E. N. Bickley, Fay C. Sterling, Thomas A. Bowen, W. F. Walker, J. K. Farris, A. E. Holloway, W. C. Davidson, A. F. Skinner, J. M. Thrasher, Fred Little, W. P. Talkington, W. S. Southworth, W. T. Locke, J. D. Kelly, H. V. Johnson, G. S. Morehead, J. S. Watson, I. D. McClure, Wilbur L. Oliver, Cadesman Pope, James W. Thomas, T. O. Rorie, A. T. Galloway, W. S. Yarbrough, B. L. Harris, Boone L. Wilford, W. H. Woodfin, Luther C. Craig, J. H. Dye, A. B. Haltom, Emmet K. Sewell, John H. Barrantine, Edward Forrest, R. B. McSwain, J. R. Nelson, F. N. Looney, H. H. Hunt, W. F. Hudson, E. M. Pipkin.

Lay Delegates—Helena District, J. B. May, R. M. Henderson, A. C. Carter; Jonesboro District, R. A. Nelson, William Simpson, alternate, J. A. Stevens; Searcy District, J. M. Williams, W. W. Winburn; Paragould District, F. M. Daniel, J. H. Thomas, A. P. Mack; Rev. J. K. P. McKelvy, alternate, Geo. A. Henry; Batesville District, J. N. Simpson, W. H. Calaway.

F. M. Daniel was elected Secretary, and upon his nomination, W. L. Oliver, L. C. Craig and J. K. Malone were elected Assistant Secretaries, and George A. Henry, Statistical Secretary.

On motion, the bar of the Conference was fixed to include the seats between the columns and the Chancel.

Conference voted to meet at 9 a. m. and adjourn at 12 m.

On nomination of the Presiding Elders the following committees were elected:

Public Worship—C. Pope, W. C. Davidson, W. R. Stuck.

Conference Relations—W. T. Locke, John McKelvy, J. S. Watson, J. D. Kelly, A. T. Galloway.

District Conference Journals—A. C. Cloyes, W. A. Lindsey, J. H. Thomas, W. H. Calloway, J. A. Roberts.

Books and Periodicals—E. N. Bickley, B. L. Harris, Edward Forrest, R. M. Henderson, W. W. Anderson.

Spiritual State of the Church—I. D. McClure, F. N. Looney, P. B. Wallis, Wm. Simpson, J. M. Williams.

Sabbath Observance—W. W. Winburn, J. R. Nelson, A. P. Mack, R. A. Nelson, H. V. Johnson.

Temperance—B. L. Wilford, W. F. Walker, F. C. Sterling, J. R. Case, G. T. Garvey, J. B. May, A. E. Holloway.

Freeman Knight and Worth Richardson were appointed Pages.

Communications from the General Boards were referred to the Conference Boards without reading.

The report on the Layman's Movement referred to Committee, to be nominated by Presiding Elders.

E. K. Sewell, in behalf of Vanndale M. E. C., S., presented a gavel made of wood from the chancel of Mt. Zion church, the seat of the First Session of White River Conference—accepted by Bishop Hendrix for the Conference.

Z. T. Bennett made an announcement concerning the Methodist Benevolent Association.

A communication, from the General Board of Education, containing the following resolution, was adopted by the Conference and a copy, signed by the Presiding Bishop and Secretary, forwarded to the proper official:

WHEREAS, By resolution prior to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of 1898, this Conference memorialized the General Conference to take over the charge of the responsibility of Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, The said General Conference has agreed to do so, and has done so, which has been approved by the assent of this Conference. Now, to confirm the original purpose of this Conference and to unify the title in the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, be it

Resolved, That this Conference do now cede, and there is hereby ceded, to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, all rights, privileges, and authority which this Conference had as a member of the corporation known as Vanderbilt University.

Joe P. Stevens was seated as Lay Delegate, Jonesboro District.

Dr. J. R. Stewart, Secretary Superannuate Fund.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth, Missionary Secretary, Rev. Stonewall Anderson, President Hendrix College, Drs. J. A. Anderson and A. C. Millar, Editors Western Methodist, Dr. Edward Thompson, of the Sunday League of America, and Rev. D. J. Weems, Field Editor of the Western Methodist, were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. J. R. Stewart addressed the Conference in the interest of the Superannuate Fund.

Dr. A. C. Millar addressed the Conference in behalf of Educational Commission of Methodism in Arkansas.

Hon. T. B. King, Lay Reader Memphis Conference was introduced to and addressed the Conference on the Laymans' Missionary Movement.

Under Question 20, the names of H. T. Gregory, W. W. Anderson, G. A. Dannelly, F. M. Smith, J. F. Armstrong, N. E. Skinner, and J. D. Rutledge were called; their characters passed and their names referred to Committee on Conference Relations for the Superannuated Relation.

The name of T. B. Williamson was called, his character passed and his name referred to Committee on Conference Relations for Supernumerary Relation.

The names of A. C. Griffin and W. H. Woodfin were called, their characters passed and they were left on effective list.

The name of S. D. Evans was called, it was announced that he had died during the year and his name was referred to Committee on Memoirs.

A. T. Galloway was added to Committee on Trial; J. W. Thomas to the Committee of the First Year; N. E. Skinner and B. L. Wilford to the Committee of the Second Year; and W. W. Anderson to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

Dr. Chas. Morris, Pastor Presbyterian Church and Rev. W. S. Ellis, Pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro, were introduced to the Conference.

Under Question 1, Thos. R. Allen and Claude M. Reves recommended by Paragould District Conference, and Joseph Seth Cash, recommended by Searcy District Conference, were admitted on trial.

Committee on Public Worship announced that Dr. Edward Thompson would preach at 2:30 p. m. and Dr. W. R. Lambuth deliver a Missionary address tonight.

After various announcements Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Chas. Morris.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1908.

Conference met at 9 a. m. Bishop Hendrix used Hymn 489 in opening religious services. F. M. Daniel led in prayer. Bishop Hendrix read 19 chap. 1st Kings and used the Friendship of Elijah and Elisha as a basis for a talk on the "Senior and Junior" preacher.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The following members answered to roll call: H. E. May, J. T. Self, J. D. Sibert, W. A. Lindsey, C. L. Castleberry, John McKelvy, R. P. Wilson, J. F. Jernegan.

Lay Delegates: G. T. Garvey, Rev. A. T. Rainey.

On motion of Presiding Elders the Conference elected the following Committee on Laymen's Movements: A. T. Galloway, E. H. Hamilton, F. M. Daniel, W. H. Calloway, G. T. Garvey.

The Bishop presented a communication from Dr. J. S. Shibley on the subject of Tuberculosis and by vote of Conference the Bishop appointed the following Committee on Tuberculosis: Dr. L. E. Moore, Dr. W. C. Haltom, Dr. H. C. Dunavant, Dr. A. G. Dickson, Dr. F. I. Stout.

Under Question 2, the names of C. F. Wilson, Ira H. Russell and J. E. Kemper were called, their characters were passed, and not having been before the Committee, they were continued in the class of the Second Year.

Under Question 2, the names of Jonathan A. Roberts and Wm. Floyd Blevins were called, their characters passed, and having stood approved examination they were advanced to the class of the Third Year, and under Question 8, they were elected to Deacon's orders and Bishop Hendrix announced that 11 o'clock tomorrow would be set as the time to receive them into full connection.

Questions 10 and 14 were called and there were no candidates.

Under Question 12, the name of John McKelvy was called, his character passed, and having stood an approved examination, it was announced that he was already an Elder. The name of B. L. Wilford was called, his character passed, not having been before the Committee, he was continued in the class of the Fourth Year.

Under Question 7, the names of E. K. Sewell, J. H. Barrantine, Edward Forrest and Henry B. Smith were called, their charges reported, their characters passed and having stood approved examination, they were advanced to the class of the Fourth Year.

Under Question 2, the names of W. J. LeRoy and J. E. Buchanan were called, their characters passed, and having stood approved examinations, they were advanced to the class of the Second Year.

The names of G. W. M. Freeman, Alonzo McKelvy and J. G. Parker were called, their characters passed and not having been before committee, they were continued in the class of the First Year.

Under Question 7, the name of C. L. Castleberry was called, his character passed, not having been before the Committee, he was continued in the class of the Third Year.

Dr. Gross Alexander, Book Editor, was introduced and addressed the Conference in behalf of the Quarterly Review.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth delivered an address on the work of Missions.

Bishop Hendrix, after speaking briefly on the Evangelization of Africa, introduced Prof. J. W. Gilbert, of Paine College, who delivered an excellent address on the solution of the "Negro Problem." After an appeal for help in building a dormitory at Paine College \$57.47 cash and \$30 promises were given him.

Committee on Public Worship announced that Dr. Gross Alexander would preach at 2:30 p. m. and at 7 o'clock tonight.

Rev. Jas. Thomas, of Little Rock Conference, N. B. Henry of St. Louis Conference and J. M. Williams, of Galloway College, were introduced to the Conference.

After various announcements Conference adjourned with the benediction by Prof. J. W. Gilbert.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1908.

Bishop Hendrix called the Conference to order at 9 a. m.

After singing Hymn 393, S. L. Cochran led in prayer.

Bishop Hendrix read a part of John 21 and spoke on the "Unbroken Friendship of Peter and John."

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

J. T. Hood, transfer from Denver Conference, and Dr. W. F. McMurray, Secretary of Board of Church Extension, were introduced to the Conference.

On motion F. N. Looney, Ed. Hamilton and C. F. Wilson were elected "Orphanage Committee."

Under Question 2, the name of W. F. Hudson was called, not having been before the Committee, he was continued in the class of the First Year.

Rev. Eli Craig, an Elder of the "Pentecostal Church of the Nazarine," having stood approved examination, after publicly answering questions propounded by Bishop Hendrix, was recognized in Elders orders by vote of the Conference.

Question 5 was called, answer none.

Under Question 1, Fizer Noe, recommended by the Searcy District Conference, having stood approved examination, was admitted on trial.

On motion of C. Pope, the credentials of Leonard F. Taylor were restored.

Under Question 20, the names of F. A. Jeffett, J. R. Nelson, W. T. Locke, W. P. Talkington, W. A. Lindsey, H. E. May, R. B. McSwain, F. N. Looney, T. O. Rorie, A. C. Cloyes, Z. T. Bennett, W. C. Davidson, T. A. Bowen, M. M. Smith, B. L. Harris, F. C. Sterling, J. T. Self, A. M. R. Branson and C. Pope were called and their characters passed.

Under Question 20, the following names were called, their characters passed, and they were announced as transferred: T. J. Taylor, to Arkansas Conference; G. M. Hill, to Missouri Conference; J. D. Sibert, to Florida Conference.

Question 16 was called and J. A. Patterson located at his own request.

The name of H. B. Cox was called, it was announced that he had died at his post and his name was referred to Committee on Memoirs.

The Committee on Orphanage made its report. Hon. George Thornburgh was introduced to the Conference and delivered an address urging support for new building. The report, on motion, was adopted.

Dr. Edward Thompson, as Secretary of the Sunday League of America addressed the Conference.

The hour appointed for receiving candidates into full connection having come, Jonathan Alva Roberts and William Floyd Blevins were called to the chancel by Bishop Hendrix, and after answering the usual disciplinary questions, and being addressed by Bishop Hendrix, were admitted into full connection, by vote of the Conference.

Dr. W. F. McMurray, as Secretary of the General Board of Church Extension, addressed the Conference.

The Committee on Public Worship announced a Temperance Mass meeting to be held at 2:30 p. m. to be addressed by Dr. J. A. Anderson, also Chancellor J. H. Kirkland to address an Educational Mass meeting tonight.

After various announcements, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. McMurray.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1908.

MORNING SESSION

Conference convened at 9 a. m., Bishop Hendrix presiding. The Conference at his request joined in singing "America" and Dr. J. A. Anderson led in prayer.

Bishop Hendrix read from Acts 15th chapter 30-41 verses and spoke to the Conference on the "Interrupted Friendship of Paul and Barnabas."

He announced that he would make his final talk, tomorrow, on "The Ideal Friendship of Jesus and John the Baptist."

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

W. E. Hall and J. J. Baugh, delegate from Searcy District, were announced as present.

Bishop Hendrix addressed the Conference on the "Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America," and a cash collection of \$40.00 was taken to help defray its expenses.

Chancellor J. H. Kirkland was introduced to the Conference and spoke briefly on the cause of Education and Vanderbilt University.

On motion of F. A. Jeffett, the Conference voted to put an assessment of one per cent., based on the amounts paid the pastors last year, for the Superannuate Fund.

Under Question 20, the names of E. M. Pipkin, W. L. Oliver, J. W. Thomas, J. S. Watson, P. B. Wallis, W. F. Walker, J. R. Edwards, L. C. Craig, E. N. Bickley, W. S. Southworth, C. H. Newman, R. P. Wilson, A. T. Galloway, S. F. Brown, W. S. Yarbrough, H. H. Hunt, A. B. Haltom, W. E. Hall, J. M. Thrasher, R. H. Grissett, M. B. Umsted, A. E. Holloway, J. H. Dye, R. C. Morehead, I. D. McClure, J. D. Kelley, G. S. Morehead, H. V. Johnson, A. F. Skinner, W. D. Ellis, were called, their charges reported, and their characters passed.

The name of F. E. Taylor was called, his character passed and he was located, at his own request, on motion J. H. Dye under Question 16.

The names of F. P. Jernegan and C. H. Newman were called, their characters passed and it was announced F. P. Jernegan transferred to Florida Conference and C. H. Newman transferred to Southwest Missouri Conference.

The name of E. M. Davis was called, his death announced, and his name referred to Committee on Memoirs.

The report of the Board of Education was read and adopted.

Sister S. H. Babcock was introduced to the conference and spoke on the Womans Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, and, at her request, Bishop Hendrix gave some ideas to the preachers about the organization of these societies.

Under Question 45, Searcy was chosen as the place for the Fortieth Session of White River Conference.

The report of the Board of Missions was read and adopted.

Dr. J. A. Anderson addressed the Conference on the Methodist Hospital in Arkansas and Dr. C. Pope presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, By the White River Conference that the Hospital Commission, provided for last year, be continued, and that W. C. Davidson be appointed to take the place of J. D. Sibert (transferred) and that the Commission be empowered to accept, under such conditions, as the Commission itself shall deem wise, the proposition of Dr. W. B. Corrigan, to establish a Methodist Sanitarium at Hot Springs.

[Signed]

CADESMAN POPE,
JOHN McKELVY,
A. T. GALLOWAY.

The report of Committee on Sabbath Observance was read and, as amended, was adopted.

On motion F. M. Daniel was elected editor and publisher of the minutes, and all money collected for publication of minutes ordered turned over to him.

The report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals was read and adopted.

Dr. J. A. Anderson addressed the Conference in the interest of the Western Methodist Publishing House.

The report of the Committee on Epworth Leagues was read and adopted.

The report of Committee on Temperance was read and adopted.

On motion, the Conference voted to meet at 2:30 this afternoon, and in Memorial Session Sunday afternoon.

The following resolution was adopted:

It is the sense of this body that the original date fixed by the Bishops for holding our present Annual Conference was a proper date, and suited us much better than so late a date as the present, and that we request, that if it should suit the plans of the Bishops, they put our next Conference not later than the first Wednesday of December.

W. F. WALKER,
M. M. SMITH,
A. F. SKINNER,
J. K. FARRIS.

The name of G. S. Morehead was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, for the Supernumerary relation.

After various announcements the Conference adjourned with benediction by Bishop Hendrix.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Bishop Hendrix called the Conference to order at 2:30 p. m., R. P. Wilson conducted the opening religious services, using Hymn 463 and leading in prayer.

The minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

On motion, at his request, the name of J. H. Dye was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the Supernumerary relation.

The Statistical Secretary made his report.

Under Question 3, no one discontinued.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Jonesboro, Arkansas, December 19, 1908.

WHEREAS, The Hon. Edward W. Carmack, one of the ablest and most brilliant advocates of Temperance and State-wide prohibition in the United States of America, was foully assassinated a few weeks ago in the city of Nashville, Tennessee, for his manly fight against corrupt politics and the licensed saloon, that has been a greater curse of our great country, than all other agencies of the evil one combined. Therefore, be it resolved:

FIRST, That, we the members of the White River Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now in session, denounce, and condemn the cowardly act of his murderers, and urge the courts to give his assassins the severest penalty of the law.

SECOND, That we tender to his bereaved wife and fatherless son, our sincere sympathy, condolence and prayers that the God of all grace, may bless and comfort them in this sad and irreparable loss.

THIRD, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Nashville Tennessean for publication.

S. L. COCHRAN,
A. M. R. BRANSON.

The report of the Church Extension Board was read and adopted.

J. K. Farris spoke feelingly of Bro. W. M. Watson's having to take Supernumerary relation and the Conference made Bro. Watson a free will offering of \$44.62 as a token of love and esteem.

The report of the Laymen's Missionary Movement Special Committee was read and adopted and turned over to J. A. Anderson for publication in the Western Methodist.

The report of the Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church was read and adopted.

On motion the name of J. D. Kelly was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the Supernumerary relation.

On motion, the Conference ordered all assessments be made in even dollars.

S. L. Cochran tendered his resignation, as Conference Treasurer, which was accepted.

The report of the Committee on Orphanage was read and adopted.

On motion the name of M. B. Umsted was referred to Committee on Conference Relations for Supernumerary relation.

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read, amended and adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions was read.

The report of the Conference Auditors was read, received and on motion ordered to be made part of record.

The report of the Committee on Conference Journals was read and adopted.

On motion, the names of A. E. Holloway and W. C. Davidson were added to the Committee on Conference Relations.

On motion of C. Pope, R. B. McSwain was made chairman of Examining Committee of the Fourth year.

On motion Conference voted to hold final session Sunday night at 7:15.

The Committee on Public Worship announced as follows:

First Methodist Church, Love feast 9 a. m. to 10:30 a. m., followed by ordination of Deacons.

10:45 a. m., preaching by Bishop Hendrix.

3:00 p. m., Memorial session of Conference.

7:15 p. m., preaching by R. B. McSwain, followed by reading of the appointments.

Preaching at First Presbyterian Church, 11 a. m., R. P. Wilson; 7 p. m., A. T. Galloway.

First Baptist Church, 11 a. m., F. A. Jeffett; 7 p. m. N. B. Fizer.

Second Baptist Church, 11 a. m., A. E. Holloway; 7 p. m. S. F. Brown.

Christian Church, 11 a. m., Fred Little; 7 p. m., A. M. R. Branson.

Second Methodist Church 7 p. m., W. A. Lindsey.

Church of the Nazarine, 11 a. m., Alonzo McKelvy; 7 p. m. Ira H. Russell.

Philadelphia Baptist Church, 11 a. m., Boone L. Wilford.

The report of the Joint Board of Finance was read and adopted.

Z. T. Bennett addressed the Conference in behalf of the Methodist Benevolent Association.

The report of the Sunday School Board was read and adopted.

On motion the name of W. H. Woodfin was added to the Conference Board of Church Extension in place of H. B. Cox, deceased.

The following resolution of thanks was read and adopted by rising vote:

WHEREAS, The people of Jonesboro have thrown open their homes and hearts to us and our stay has been so pleasant, therefore be it

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Conference be and are hereby extended to them for the generous hospitality and thoughtful courtesies they have given us.

We thank our host, the Rev. W. C. Davidson, for his untiring efforts to anticipate and supply our every need and contribute to our pleasure and comfort. Also to Bro. J. K. Malone, Railway Secretary and assistant host, also to the various railways for reduction in fare.

Our thanks are due our efficient Auditors and Secretaries and especially our affable and hard worked Statistical Secretary, Bro. Geo. A. Henry. We desire to express our great appreciation and love to our President, Bishop Hendrix, for the kind and brotherly way he dispatched all the business of the Conference, and also for the delightfully entertaining and instructive expositions of friendship, and the high ideals held out to us.

J. K. FARRIS,
M. M. SMITH,
I. D. McCLURE.

The report of Committee on Conference Relations was read and adopted by items.

Bishop Hendrix appointed Z. T. Bennett to preside at Memorial Session.

On motion, E. K. Sewell, W. J. LeRoy, and J. M. Low were elected Auditing Committee for the next year.

Committee on Public Worship announced that W. W. Anderson would preach tonight at 7:15.

Minutes of afternoon session were read and approved.

On motion, Conference adjourned with Doxology and benediction by Dr. J. H. Dye.

FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1908. MEMORIAL SESSION.

Conference met at 3 p. m., in Memorial Session, Z. T. Bennett presiding, T. A. Bowen and S. L. Cochran assisting in the devotional services, A. C. Griffin leading in prayer.

Bishop Hendrix announced that immediately after the morning services he ordained William Floyd Blevins and Jonathan Alva Roberts, Deacons, Bishop Hendrix reading the epistle and J. A. Roberts the Gospel.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was made. S. L. Cochran reading the tribute to the memory of Ellison M. Davis; C. Pope to that of Henry B. Cox; and J. H. Dye speaking in memory of Steven D. Evans. The tribute to Sister Mary Rorie was read by Z. T. Bennett. After Jas. F. Jernegan had led in singing "Death is only a dream," A. F. Skinner, S. L. Cochran, T. A. Bowen, J. R. Metcalf, J. F. Armstrong, C. Pope, W. C. Davidson, Sister Burton, Sister Copeland, S. F. Brown, John McKelvy, A. C. Griffin, A. M. R. Branson, J. H. Dye and Z. T. Bennett spoke fittingly of the departed ones and their triumphant deaths.

Conference voted that, when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 7:15 p. m.

The minutes of this Afternoon Session were read and approved.

Conference adjourned with benediction by H. E. May.

NIGHT SESSION

After sermon by R. B. McSwain, Conference was called to order by Bishop Hendrix.

Resolutions of Thanks were read, also resolution of appreciation, of the newspapers of this city.

The following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, We have been highly entertained and edified by the morning addresses on Friendship by Bishop Hendrix during this session of our Conference; and

WHEREAS, We believe the publication of these discourses in book form would do much good; therefore,

Resolved, By the Conference, members, visitors and citizens present, that we respectfully and urgently request our beloved Bishop to give these timely addresses to our church and the public in permanent form.

Z. T. BENNETT,
I. D. McCLURE,
J. F. JERNEGAN,
H. E. MAY.

After encouraging remarks Bishop Hendrix read the appointments of the preachers and Conference adjourned *sine die*, with the benediction by the Bishop.

CONDENSED MINUTES.

1. Who are admitted on trial? Thomas R. Allen, Claude M. Reves, Joseph Seth Cash, Fizer Noe.

2. Who remain on trial? First Year, Alonzo McKelvy, J. G. Parker, G. W. Marvin Freeman, W. F. Hudson. Second Year: Chas. F. Wilson, Wm. Jasper LeRoy, J. E. Kemper, Ira H. Russell, J. F. Buchanan.

3. Who are discontinued? No one.

4. Who are admitted into full connection? Wm. Floyd Blevins, Jonathan Alva Roberts.

5. Who are readmitted? No one.

6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? J. T. Hood (Denver Conference).

7. Who are the deacons of one year? Boone L. Wilford, E. K. Sewell, J. H. Barrantine, Henry B. Smith, Edward Forrest, all Fourth Year. Chas. L. Castleberry, Third Year.

8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? Wm. F. Blevins, Jonathan A. Roberts.

9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? Wm. Floyd Blevins, Jonathan A. Roberts.

10. What local preachers are elected deacons? No one.

11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? No one.

12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? No one.

13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? No one.

14. What local preachers are elected elders? No one.

15. What local preachers are ordained elders? No one.

16. Who are located this year? J. A. Patterson, F. E. Taylor.

17. Who are supernumerary? T. B. Williamson, G. S. Morehead, J. H. Dye, J. D. Kelley, M. B. Umsted.

18. Who are superannuated? H. T. Gregory, W. W. Anderson, G. A. Dannelly, F. M. Smith, J. F. Armstrong, N. E. Skinner, J. D. Rutledge, W. M. Watson.

19. What preachers have died during the past year? H. B. Cox, S. D. Evans, E. M. Davis.

20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Yes.

21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? 110 Local Preachers, 27033 other members, total, 27,143.

22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 370.

23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1,610.

24. What is the number of Epworth Leagues? 48.

25. What is the number of Epworth League members? 1,662.

26. What is the number of Sunday Schools? 288½.

27. What is the number of Sunday School officers and teachers? 1,937.

28. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars enrolled during the Conference year? 20,712.

29. What was assessed by the last Conference for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers? \$3,238.20.

30. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$2,584.88.

31. What has been contributed for Missions? Foreign, \$3,668.93; Domestic, \$1,923.51.

32. What has been contributed for Church Extension? \$1,863.27.

33. What has been contributed for the American Bible Society? \$92.59.

34. What has been contributed for the support of Presiding Elders and preachers in charge? Presiding Elders, \$7,379.49. Preachers in Charge, \$53,775.98.

35. What has been contributed for the support of Bishops? \$954.33.

36. What is the number of societies, and of houses of worship owned by them? Number of Societies 335. Number of Houses of Worship 267½.

37. What is the value of houses of worship, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$337,730.00. Indebtedness, \$5,230.00.

38. What is the number of pastoral charges, and of parsonages owned by them? Pastoral Charges 94. Number of Parsonages 81.

39. What is the value of parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$85,650.00. Indebtedness, \$4,845.50.

40. What is the number of districts, and of district parsonages? Number of districts, 5; number of district parsonages, 5.

41. What is the value of district parsonages, and what is the amount of indebtedness thereon? Value, \$10,000.00.

42. What number of churches have been damaged or destroyed during the year by fire or storm, and what was the amount of damage? Number of churches damaged, 5; amount of damage, \$1,801.50.

43. What are the insurance statistics. Insurance carried, \$95,550.00; losses sustained, \$1,650.00; premiums, paid, \$1,016.14; collections on losses, \$151.50.

44. What are the educational statistics? Sloan-Hendrix Academy, value about \$17,000.00 and one-third interest in Galloway and Hendrix Colleges, value about \$150,000.00.

45. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Searcy.

46. Where are the preachers stationed this year? See Appointments.

APPOINTMENTS

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—A. F. Skinner, P. E.

Ash Flat Circuit.....	A. E. Horton, Supply.
Batesville, Central Avenue.....	Edward Forrest.
Batesville First Church.....	R. C. Morehead.
Bethesda Circuit.....	Fizer Noe and G. S. Morehead, Supernumerary.
Bexar Circuit.....	N. J. Baty, Supply.
Calico Rock Circuit.....	H. V. Johnson.
Desha Circuit.....	W. S. Story, Supply.
Evening Shade Circuit.....	W. H. Woodfin.
Melbourne Circuit.....	G. W. M. Freeman.
Mountain View Circuit.....	I. D. McClure.
Newark Station.....	J. F. Jernegan.
Salem Circuit.....	F. E. Hall, Supply.
Smithville Circuit.....	S. M. Gatlin, Supply.
Sulphur Rock Circuit.....	C. F. Hively, Supply, and J. D. Kelly, Supernumerary.
Swifton Circuit.....	W. D. Ellis, W. M. Hamilton, Supply.
Tuckerman and Kenyon.....	J. S. Cash.
Wolf Bayou Circuit.....	J. W. Copeland, Supply.
Robert A. Robertson, Student to Hendrix College.	

HELENA DISTRICT—Z. T. Bennett, P. E.

Brinkley Station.....	W. P. Talkington.
Clarendon Station.....	F. N. Looney.
Colt Circuit.....	J. T. Hood.
Cotton Plant and Howell.....	W. T. Locke.
Forrest City Station.....	B. L. Wilford.
Hamlin Mission.....	J. C. Kelso, Supply.
Haynes Circuit.....	I. H. Russell.
Helena Station.....	F. A. Jeffett.
Holly Grove and Marvell.....	W. A. Lindsey.
Laconia Circuit.....	W. G. Linn, Supply.
LaGrange Circuit.....	J. H. Bishop, Supply.
Marianna Mission.....	J. S. Best, Supply.
Marianna Station.....	Fred Little.
McCrary and Devew.....	J. R. Nelson.
McCrary Mission.....	H. T. Rainey, Supply.
Parkin Station.....	To be supplied.
Turner and Shiloh Circuit.....	To be supplied.
Wheatley Circuit.....	H. E. May.
Wynne Station.....	B. L. Harris.
H. B. Smith, Missionary to Cuba.	
Fred Little, Conference Missionary Secretary.	
R. B. McSwain, Professor in Hendrix College.	

JONESBORO DISTRICT—Cadesman Pope, P. E.

Blythesville Circuit.....	L. F. Taylor, Supply.
Blythesville Station.....	A. M. R. Branson.
Brookland Circuit.....	W. F. Hudson.
Crawfordsville and Earle.....	E. K. Sewell.
Gilkinson Mission.....	J. A. Smith, Supply.

Harrisburg Station.....J. P. Stephens, Supply.
 Harrisburg Circuit.....W. F. Walker.
 Jonesboro First Church.....W. C. Davidson.
 Jonesboro West Side.....J. M. Benton, Supply.
 Lake View and Linsford.....Eli Craig.
 Luxora and Rozelle.....W. S. Southworth.
 Manilla & Dell.....W. S. Yarbrough.
 Marion & Gilmore.....M. P. Timberlake, Supply.
 Marked Tree and Bav.....T. O. Rorie.
 Monette and Macy.....S. F. Brown.
 Nettleton Station.....John McKelvy.
 North Jonesboro and Lake City.....To be supplied.
 Osceola Station.....A. C. Cloyes.
 Trinity Circuit.....J. A. Buchanan.
 Vanndale Circuit.....To be supplied.
 Wilson and Tyronza.....To be supplied.
 F. C. Sterling, Conference Missionary Evangelist.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT—J. K. Farris, P. E.

Black Rock and Portia.....W. J. LeRoy.
 Boydsville Circuit.....J. E. Kemper.
 Brighton Circuit.....A. McKelvy.
 Corning Station.....W. L. Oliver.
 Gainesville Circuit.....T. R. Allen.
 Imboden Circuit.....T. A. Bowen.
 Knobel Circuit.....J. R. Edwards.
 Larado Circuit.....B. W. Cooper, Supply.
 Mammoth Spring and Hardy.....J. W. Thomas.
 Maynard Circuit.....J. F. Carter, Supply.
 Paragould Circuit.....C. L. Castleberry.
 T. B. Williamson, Supernumerary.
 Paragould East Side.....A. C. Griffin.
 Paragould First Church.....M. M. Smith.
 Piggott Circuit.....C. M. Reve.
 Pocahontas Circuit.....J. O. Norsworthy, Supply.
 Pocahontas and Hoxie.....E. N. Bickley.
 Rector Circuit.....J. S. Watson.
 Reyno Circuit.....Hary Behr, Supply.
 Walnut Ridge Station.....L. C. Craig.

SEARCY DISTRICT—A. T. Galloway, P. E.

Argenta Dye Memorial.....W. E. Hall.
 Argenta Gardner Memorial.....S. L. Cochran.
 Augusta Station.....A. E. Holloway.
 Auvergne and Weldon.....J. A. Roberts.
 Beebe Station.....J. H. Barrantine.
 Bradford and Bald Knob.....W. F. Blevins.
 Cabot Circuit.....H. H. Hunt.
 Cato Circuit.....J. H. Gibson, Supply.
 Floyd Circuit.....A. T. Ward, Supply.
 Heber Station.....P. B. Wallis.
 McRae Circuit.....F. E. Champion, Supply.
 Newport Station.....E. M. Pipkin.
 Pangburn and Mt. Pisgah Circuit...J. M. Thrasher.
 Searcy Circuit.....J. T. Heatly, Supply.
 Searcy, Haygood and Higginson....J. M. Talkington.

Searcy Station.....R. P. Wilson
 J. H. Dye, M. B. Umsted, Super-numeraries.
 Vilonia Circuit.....R. H. Grissett.
 West Point Circuit.....J. G. Parker.
 Wilburn Circuit.....F. E. Bryant, Supply.
 Wiville Circuit.....C. F. Wilson.

TRANSFERRED.

C. H. Newman and G. M. Hill to Missouri Conference.
 T. J. Taylor to Arkansas Conference.
 A. B. Haltom, F. P. Jernegan and J. D. Sibert to the Florida Conference.
 E. A. Blanton to the Louisiana Conference.
 J. T. Self to the St. Louis Conference.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

To the President and Members of the White River Annual Conference:

Brethren: The annual report of the General Board of Missions shows the following facts as to the Missionary Field of our Church during the past year: "We have two hundred and eighty-one missionaries in our six fields, including the Women's Board, one hundred and eleven native preachers, and twenty thousand nine hundred and ninety nine members, or an increase of two thousand two hundred and seventy during the past year, the largest in our history."

On finance, the report has the following summary: "In the home church we received last year on assessments, \$400,364.00 or, including the amount from all other sources, a total of \$540,523.00, an increase of \$21,307.00. To this we may add the \$226,192.00 received by the Woman's Board, giving a sum total of \$766,716.00, for Foreign Missions which lacks only \$234,000.00 of making a round million for missions." We report a slight decrease in the collections for foreign missions, and a material increase of fifteen per cent., in the collections for Home Missions.

We call the attention of the Conference to what we devoutly trust is a general missionary awakening, the increase of the number of those who are specifically studying the subject of missions, to the change in the attitude of the public mind toward the whole subject, and to the Laymen's Missionary movement for the evangelization of the world in this generation.

Furthermore we would commend to you the various plans for the increase of the missionary interest devised by our own Board, its missionary libraries, programmes for rallies and Sunday Schools, missionary services and particularly its periodical "Go Forward."

This Conference Board also craves the hearty co-operation of all the Brethren in such plans as it may propose from time to time in endeavoring to extend the benefits of this great missionary awakening in our own borders.

With reference to our Conference Missionary Evangelists we offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Laymen have generously agreed to pay the salary of an Evangelist, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Bishop is requested to appoint such Evangelist, that he shall be under the supervision of the Conference Board of Missions, who shall direct his work and receive all money he shall collect and which may be paid for his compensation. We recommend the continuance of Fred Little as Conference Missionary Secretary.

The following are the assessments for the year 1908-1909:

	<i>Foreign Missions.</i>	<i>Domestic Missions.</i>
Helena District	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 600.00
Jonesboro District	1,025.00	600.00
Searcy District	1,025.00	600.00
Paragould District	1,025.00	600.00
Batesville District	900.00	600.00

The following are the appropriations for the year 1909:

Helena District—		
Haygood Memorial	\$	200.00
Heber		200.00
Brinkley		125.00
Parkin		120.00
Marianna Miss.		50.00
Batesville District—		
Presiding Elder		200.00
Mountain View		150.00
Central Avenue		50.00
Wolf Bayou		25.00
Jonesboro District—		
Tyronza and Wilson		150.00
West Side		90.00
Gilkerson and Grubbs		85.00
Paragould District—		
Pocahontas and Hoxie		100.00
Imboden		100.00
Reyno		100.00

J. K. FARRIS, Chairman,
FRED LITTLE, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT, DECEMBER 19, 1908.

JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, Dec. 19, 1908.

To the Board of Missions of the White River Conference M. E. Church South:

Your Treasurer submits the following report:

I charge myself with the balance on hand at the beginning of the Conference Year	\$	1,550.91
Received during the year for Domestic Missions.....		1,923.51
Received for Foreign Missions		3,668.93
Received for special for Miss Garner's School.....		10.00
Received special for Western work.....		25.00
Received from Jonesboro First Church Sunday School.....		80.00
Received from J. K. Farris balance on postage allowed for Goddard book		5.00
Received from interest		37.20

Total on hand and received\$ 7,300.55

I take credit with the following:

Paid to Domestic Missions.....	\$	1,585.00
Paid one month's salary to T. O. Rorie.....		75.00
Paid to Fred Little expenses for Miss. Sec'y Conference		25.80

Paid to J. D. Hamilton on assessment of Foreign Miss.	3,668.93
Paid to J. D. Hamilton for Miss Garner's School....	90.00
Paid to J. D. Hamilton for Special Western Work....	25.00
Paid for Postage and Stationery	5.00
Total	\$ 5,474.73
Balance available for Domestic Missions.....	\$ 1,825.82
Fraternally submitted, A. L. MALONE, Treasurer.	

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the President and Members of the White River Conference:

Dear Brethren: Your Conference Board of Education makes the following report:

It affords us great pleasure to note the encouraging tone of the report that comes to us from the Board of Education.

We are also glad to note the increased interest which our undergraduates are taking in the work of the Correspondence School. We urge all our undergraduates to take advantage of the exceptional help which it offers. We also urge all our preachers to avail themselves of the advantages offered them by the Circulating Library of the Correspondence School.

Galloway College.

The report made to us by President Williams of Galloway College is most gratifying. The attendance is large, the interest in real school work is good, and the College spirit is unusually fine. The religious life of the school is good. Many needed repairs have been made during the past year. And all in all the outlook for Galloway College was never brighter.

Hendrix College.

The report of President Anderson of Hendrix College of the work of the last school year is encouraging. The school had the largest enrollment in its history.

The religious life of the College is good as usual. The many repairs which have been made about the College buildings and grounds add greatly to the appearance and value of the plant. These improvements have been made possible by the work of Rev. James Thomas, our Commissioner of Education.

We are much gratified at the success which he has had in his work and rejoice that he has been continued in this great work. And we pledge him our hearty co-operation in his good and great work.

We make the following recommendations:

(1) That Rev. R. B. McSwain be placed on Conference Board of Education in place of Rev. C. H. Newman, R. E. L. Johnson succeed A. G. Henderson, R. A. Nelson succeed J. R. Edwards, R. A. Dowdy succeed C. F. Cole.

(2) That Rev. J. K. Farris, Geo. Culberhouse and T. T. Bateman succeed themselves on Board of Trustees of Hendrix College; and that R. E. L. Johnson succeed M. F. Collier on same board.

(3) That Rev. R. C. Morehead and G. W. Culberhouse succeed themselves on the Board of Trustees of Galloway College.

(4) That Hendrix College be requested to establish a Summer Institute for the benefit of the young preachers of three Conferences of Arkansas as soon as practicable.

(5) The endorsement of the plan of correlation for the educational institution of our church in Arkansas as outlined by the Commission appointed a year ago by the three Conferences of the State.

Provided, That the plan of correlation be accepted by a two-thirds majority of the members of each of the present Boards of Trustees of the three institutions concerned; and of the members of the proposed new Board of twenty-four (provided that this include a three-fourths majority of our representatives on the proposed new Board of twenty-four); and of the members of the Commission.

We recommend the continuance of the Commission; that Rev. R. B. McSwain be continued as the representative of our Conference on the Commission; and that the Commission be urged to call together the several Boards of Trustees at an early date for the further consideration of the matters involved; and that R. R. James, Rev. R. C. Morehead; F. M. Daniel, Rev. Fred Little, R. A. Dowdy and Rev. A. E. Holloway, L. E. Moore and Rev. W. C. Davidson be made the representatives of our Conference on the proposed new Board of twenty-four. The Conference Board of Education shall keep the Board full by the nomination of two new members each year, taking them in the order in which they appear above.

(6) We recommend that an assessment of one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars for Hendrix College and seven hundred and fifty-five (\$755.00) dollars for the work of the General Board be made. We apportion it to the several districts as follows:

Helena District	\$ 395.00
Jonesboro District	390.00
Paragould District	385.00
Searcy District	370.00
Batesville District	215.00

Total\$ 1,755.00

(7) We recommend the appointment of Rev. R. B. McSwain as professor in Hendrix College.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Received from the several Districts.....	\$ 1,176.18
Paid to Hendrix College.....	\$ 900.00
To General Board	247.58
To. R. B. McSwain, expense.....	28.60

Total\$ 1,176.18

A. E. HOLLOWAY, Secretary,
RUFUS C. MOREHEAD, Chairman.

REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD.

To the Bishop and Members of the White River Annual Conference:

Brethren: We are gratified to note an increase of interest in our Church Extension work. More applications came before our Board than in former years, which indicates expansion in our great work. There is also an increase of \$306.28 over the previous year.

Amount raised on assessment, \$1,875.82. \$889.91 sent to Dr. McMurry, Louisville, Kentucky, with \$48.00 check from A. M. R. Branson, Blythesville, Arkansas, making \$937.91.

We recommend the following distributions:

Jonesboro District—

Blythesville	\$ 100.00
Lake City	60.00
Marvin	40.00
Paid to C. Pope, P. E.	

Searcy District—

Cabot	\$120.00
Tuckerman	50.00
Griffithsville	70.00
Paid to J. H. Dye, P. E.	

Batesville District—

Flora	50.00
Norfolk	60.00
Alicia	50.00
Charlotte	70.00
Paid to A. F. Skinner, P. E.	

Paragould District—

Lorado	200.00
Marmaduke	30.00

The assessment for the ensuing year \$3,000.00. And apportioned as follows:

Helena	\$ 690.00
Jonesboro	660.00
Paragould	660.00
Batesville	330.00
Searcy	660.00

Balance in hand of Treasurer for incidentals \$49.94.

Respectfully submitted,

P. B. WALLIS, Chairman,
S. F. BROWN, Secretary,
T. A. Bowen.

By request of General Board we elect the following representatives to attend the Church Conference to be held at Memphis about April 1, 1908: S. F. Brown, T. A. Bowen and P. B. Wallis.

JOINT BOARD.

To the Bishop and Members of the White River Conference:

Dear Brethren:—The Joint Board submits the following report as to their findings and disbursements for the past conference year, 1908:

Amount received on account of Bishop's fund—

From Helena District.....	\$ 210.00
From Jonesboro District.....	207.25
From Searcy District.....	205.20
From Batesville District.....	97.03
From Paragould District.....	201.23

Total\$ 920.71

By amount paid Smith & Lamar..... 920.71

Amount received for printing minutes—

From Helena District.....\$ 31.50

From Jonesboro District.....	28.15
From Searcy District.....	28.70
From Batesville District.....	15.30
From Paragould District.....	30.94
Total	\$ 134.59
By amount paid to F. M. Daniel.....	134.59
<i>Amount received for delegates' expenses—</i>	
From Helena District.....	\$ 42.00
From Jonesboro District.....	40.30
From Searcy District.....	32.60
From Batesville District.....	20.80
From Paragould District.....	27.63
Total	\$ 163.33
By amount paid to Smith & Lamar.....	163.33
<i>Amount received for Conference claimants—</i>	
From Helena District.....	\$ 728.55
From Jonesboro District.....	587.50
From Searcy District.....	519.40
From Batesville District.....	274.48
From Paragould District.....	477.12
From Int. superannuate fund.....	58.00
From Calvin fund.....	10.00
Total	\$2,655.35
<i>Disbursed as follows—</i>	
Rev. G. A. Dannelly, paid to Rev. R. P. Wilson.....	\$ 130.00
Rev. J. F. Armstrong, paid to self.....	70.00
Mrs. S. D. Evans, paid to R. P. Wilson.....	130.00
Rev. F. M. Smith, paid to E. Forrest.....	100.00
Rev. W. W. Anderson, paid to self.....	61.35
Rev. N. E. Skinner, paid to self.....	50.00
Rev. J. D. Rutledge, paid to self.....	80.00
Rev. A. C. Griffin, paid to self.....	25.00
Rev. H. T. Gregory, paid to self.....	90.00
Sister J. J. Alexander, mailed to Barren Fork.....	50.00
Sister W. L. King, paid to R. P. Wilson.....	80.00
Sister M. C. Morris, paid to W. C. Davidson.....	130.00
Sister E. M. Baker, paid to R. P. Wilson.....	100.00
Sister Ben Hall, paid to W. E. Hall.....	50.00
Sister R. G. Brittain, paid to R. P. Wilson.....	100.00
Sister W. H. Batton, paid to F. A. Jeffett.....	90.00
Sister G. A. Schaeffer, paid to J. H. Dyer.....	35.00
Sister S. H. Babcock, paid to W. C. Davidson.....	50.00
Sister S. W. Register, mailed to Conway.....	100.00
Sister T. J. Settle and two children, paid to M. M. Smith	125.00
Sister H. M. Cryer and two children, paid to A. B. Haltom	50.00
Sister Frank Ritter and two children, paid to W. C. Davidson	115.00
Sister F. R. Noe and three children, mailed to Conway..	150.00
Sister T. W. Fisackerly and three children, paid to J. M. Talkington	125.00
Bro. John Eidson's two children, paid to W. C. Davidson	50.00
Bro. E. C. Castfèbber's two children, paid to S. F. Brown	35.00

Sister D. W. Reid and one child, mailed to Conway.....	95.00
Sister J. W. Patton and one child, paid to R. P. Wilson..	125.00
Sister C. P. Smith and one child, paid to W. C. Davidson	90.00
Sister Julian C. Brown and one child, paid to F. A. Jeffett	100.00
Bro. W. B. Roe's one child, paid to A. C. Griffin.....	25.00
Bro. E. H. Wallace's one child, paid E. H. Hamilton....	50.00

Total\$2,655.35

We have apportioned the several assessments for the ensuing year as follows, including 1 per cent. of preachers' salaries for 1907 for superannuate fund, \$500.00.

<i>Districts—</i>	<i>Conference Claimants.</i>	<i>Bishop Fund.</i>	<i>Printing Minutes.</i>	<i>De'legate Expenses.</i>
Helena District	\$ 834.31	\$ 252.00	\$ 34.60	\$ 45.00
Jonesboro District.....	834.31	252.00	34.60	45.00
Searcy District	742.38	200.00	30.30	40.00
Batesville District	429.37	120.00	18.70	30.00
Paragould District	784.63	126.00	31.80	40.00
Totals	\$3,625.00	\$1,050.00	\$150.00	\$200.00

Since it becomes the duty of the Joint Board of Finance to apportion the assessment of the Conference for the Orphanage we make the following distribution:

Helena District	\$ 220.00
Jonesboro District	220.00
Paragould District	210.00
Searcy District	210.00
Batesville District.....	150.00

Total\$1,000.00

The following are claimants on this Conference for the ensuing year: Revs. G. A. Dannelly, J. F. Armstrong, Sister S. D. Evans, F. M. Smith, W. W. Anderson, N. E. Skinner, H. T. Gregory, J. D. Rutledge, Sisters J. J. Alexander, W. L. King, M. C. Morris, E. M. Baker, Ben Hall, R. G. Brittain, W. H. Batton, G. A. Schaeffer, S. H. Babcock, S. W. Register, T. J. Settle and two children, W. W. Reid and one child, J. W. Patton and one child, H. M. Cryer and one child, Frank Ritter and two children, C. P. Smith and one child, F. R. Noe and three children, T. W. Fisackerly and three children, John Eidson's two children, W. B. Roe's one child, E. C. Castleberry's two children, E. H. Wallace's one child, Julian C. Brown and one child, Sisters H. B. Cox, E. M. Davis and W. M. Watson.

The following recording stewards have reported to the Board, to wit: Bro. C. W. Shaver, Evening Shade, charge, Batesville District.

Whereas, Bro. R. E. L. Johnson requests that he be relieved as a member of this board and suggests that J. M. Lowe of Paragould be appointed in his stead and as T. J. Taylor, who was formerly a member of this board, now transferred to the Arkansas Conference, we recommend that A. C. Cloyce be appointed in his stead.

F. A. JEFFETT, Chairman.

J. R. METCALF, Secretary.

EPWORTH LEAGUE REPORT.

To the Bishop and Members of the White River Conference:

Dear Brethren:—We are glad to learn from our General Secretary that the year, now closing, has been one of the most prosperous in our League work.

The Epworth League is proving itself to be a great factor in the evangelization of the world, in that it has raised for missions this year something like one hundred and forty thousand dollars.

But while we are delighted with the splendid record the League is making throughout Southern Methodism, we regret the lack of interest that may be seen in the great work in our Conference. We are sorry, indeed, to note the decrease in the number of Leagues, a falling off in the membership, and that we have raised for missions less than one hundred dollars this year.

This is, indeed, cause for alarm, and sufficient to awaken us to a realization of our responsibility to the great institution of our church.

We urge our pastors and laymen to take up this important work of the church with greater zeal and efficiency and give it the sympathy and importance it deserves.

We recommend that each P. E. appoint a District League Secretary, for his district, whose duty shall be to help organize and push the League interest in each pastoral charge, looking to the organization of the District League in each P. E. District.

We further recommend that at least one-half day of each District Conference be devoted to the Epworth League work in the district.

We respectfully ask the Conference to continue its relation to the Joint League Commission.

W. H. WOODFIN, Chairman.
A. C. CLOYES, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

To the President and Members of the White River Conference:

Dear Brethren:—After a careful investigation, we are glad to report a forward movement and an increase in everything pertaining to the work except Children's Day collection, which shows a marked decrease. Quite a number of charges failed to observe the day at all or at least report it. We do not understand why men will completely ignore the discipline of the church. We have received from Children's Day:

Collected before Conference.....	\$ 96.45
Received from Auditing Committee.....	34.85
Total	\$131.30
10 per cent. paid to Board of Education.....	\$13.14
10 per cent. paid to General Board.....	13.14
	<hr/> 26.28

Leaving balance on hand..... \$105.02

After providing for needy schools and the expense of the Board, we had a balance from last year of \$123.98. This will be forwarded to the General Sunday School Board.

We arranged for and held a Sunday School conference at Newport and had some measure of success. This year we shall ask the P. E. to give us one day at District Conference. We urge each school to set apart one Sunday in each month as Missionary Sunday, as the discipline directs. We also insist on the observance of Children's Day in each school. The Board will furnish programmes if notified in time.

Let the pastors and superintendents see to it that every Sunday School is provided with a complete set of missionary maps. To encour-

age this, the Sunday School Board will provide all Sunday Schools not able to buy the set with same by having the pastor make application to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. TALKINGTON, Chairman.

T. B. WILLIAMSON, Secretary.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH.

To the Bishop and Members of the White River Conference:

Dear Fathers and Brothers—We, your Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church, beg leave to submit the following report:

In as much as the spiritual interest is the prime interest of the church, to this end we labor together with God to get men born into, and grow in, the spiritual life. We may stress many phases of the church work, but all to this end, and if we fail in this noble purpose we fail, indeed.

It is gratifying to note the many conversions and accessions to the church during the year. We give thanks for the great awakening along spiritual lines, and as the laymen arise to assist in this work as never before, let the ministerial body thank God and take courage, leading the armies of our God to victories over sin. We would urge our pastors to encourage the heads of families in the erection and maintenance of family altars, as one of the greatest means of grace, and to insist upon regular habits of private devotion, out of which grows the sweetest experiences of the Christian religion. The strongest and best lives are those of true devotion to God.

I. D. McCLURE, Chairman.

F. N. LOONEY, Secretary.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

To the President and Members of the White River Conference:

Dear Brethren:—We, your committee on books and periodicals, submit the following report:

We are delighted to note signs of progress, better service, and increasing prosperity on all lines in our department.

We note, first, indications of increasing good things from our publishing house at Nashville, Tennessee, and Dallas, Texas, both in publishing and in sale of books, and in the improved and up-to-date character and contents of all our periodicals.

Our Sunday School literature, Epworth Era, and Christian Advocate are all fully up to the standard, and are worthy of our best support, and we feel that the time has fully come when we, as leaders in our Conference, should show our appreciation by redoubling our diligence in placing them where they are needed, viz: in all the homes of our people; especially do we commend the Methodist Review to all of our preachers, and urge that they get it, and read it.

Second. Our Western Methodist has climbed up the mountain's dizzy height of our expectation, until we feel duty bound to bestir ourselves to its needs. We, therefore, recommend, that the White River Conference reassume its obligations, to insure an increase *AT ONCE* in its circula-

tion, and that we stand by its editors in every legitimate way, in their fight for prohibition, for the virtue of the homes and the future glory of our great church.

E. N. BICKLEY, Chairman.
B. L. HARRIS, Secretary.
EDW. FORREST.
W. W. ANDERSON.
R. M. HENDERSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Thirty-ninth Session White River Conference.

To the Bishop and Members of the White River Conference:

Dear Brethren:—We, your Committee on Sabbath Observance, submit the following report:

We firmly believe that the literal obedience of the Master in the observance of the Christian Sabbath, as well as in everything else, both as individuals and a nation, will bring to us the greatest degree of happiness and development, both in this life and life everlasting.

We urge that our people, both ministers and other members of our church, refrain from all labor, amusement and pastime on the Sabbath, except such labor as is absolutely unavoidable, or is necessary in deeds of charity.

We are pleased to have with us Dr. Edward Thompson, of the Sunday League of America, who will canvass our State during the coming year and address our people on this subject, and we gladly bespeak for him a hearty welcome in our churches wherever he may honor us with his presence and assistance. We thank him for the excellent address, delivered to this Conference.

We desire and hope that the next legislature of our State will pass a law making it unlawful for any person to fish, run any kind of excursion conveyance, or give any kind of public exhibition, for amusement or pastime, on Sunday, in this State, and prescribing sufficient penalties for the violation thereof.

W. W. WINBURN, Chairman.
J. R. NELSON,

Attest:

A. P. MACK, Secretary.

Committee.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY REPORT.

To the President and Members of the White River Annual Conference:

Brethren:—We, your Bible Society Board, desire to submit the following report:

We note with pleasure the increased demand for the Bible and that it is being read more by the people than ever before. We commend the work of the American Bible Society and urge our preachers to work for its interest and take up collection in every charge for it.

Collection this year was \$92.59.

H. E. MAY, Chairman.
J. A. ROBERTS, Secretary.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

To the President and Members of the White River Conference:

The temperance question is the living practical issue of the day. It affects our religious, moral, social and civic life as no other question can do. And it enters so vitally into every phase of our interests, it behooves us to know the meaning of the question, and to keep ourselves in touch with every force that has for its aim the destruction of the liquor traffic. Neither can we afford to be ignorant of the enemy and his tactics. This foe will not die without a struggle. He will fight to the very death. And he being so great, and so complex in his operations, and the influence of his millions of dollars so great, our battle is bound to be a terrific one.

Therefore, we must be well qualified and equipped for the final struggle. To this end, let us co-operate with the Anti-Saloon League and the W. C. T. U. in sowing the State down with literature of facts, so strong that the leading political parties will be glad to fulfill their promises to us, and the voting population march to the polls with their ballots, bathed in truth and prayers, and wipe the saloon, with all of its attending evils, from the borders of our fair State.

We heartily commend the Western Methodist for the brave and noble stand it has always maintained in this great cause, and believing that the law suit, in which this paper and its editors are now involved, is solely a matter of the liquor power against the temperance movement, we pledge to them our sympathy and support in this their struggle for the right against the wrong.

We incorporate a memoir from the W. C. T. U. to this body as a part of our report, and recommend that the first Sunday in February, 1909, be appointed as the day on which the preachers will all preach the sermon as requested by the ladies.

"Memorial.

"To the Methodist Ministers in Conference Assembled:

"The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the State of Arkansas sends greetings.

"In view of the fact that there is a mighty awakening in the State of Arkansas upon the question of State prohibition, and realizing the power of the church of God and his ministry in leading the people in every line of Christian endeavor, we most earnestly memorialize this Conference to appoint a special Sabbath upon which each minister connected with this body shall preach a sermon on State prohibition, proving to the people the fallacy of license, in any form, and the great benefits of the prohibition law.

"We believe that such concerted action will greatly aid in getting needed legislation.

"MRS. LULU MARKWELL, President.

"MRS. JENNIE PITTMAN,

"Per M. R. R."

We recommend that Rev. B. L. Wilford, Rev. W. F. Walker and Mr. Ed. Hamilton constitute our commission on the Anti-Saloon League.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. GARVEY, Secretary;

F. C. STERLING,

B. L. WILFORD,

J. C. CASE,

W. F. WALKER,

J. B. MAY,

A. E. HALLOWAY.

REPORT ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

To the Bishop and Members of White River Conference:

We, your Committee on Conference Relations, submit the following report:

We recommend that the following brethren be granted a supernumerary relation:

H. T. Gregory, M. W. Anderson, G. A. Dannelly, F. M. Smith, J. F. Armstrong, N. E. Skinner, J. D. Rutledge and W. M. Watson.

We also recommend that T. B. Williamson and G. S. Morehead be granted a supernumerary relation; and while under the law we can not ask that relation for J. H. Dye, M. B. Umsted and J. D. Kelley, yet we hope the Conference will grant them this relation.

W. T. LOCKE, Chairman.
JOHN MCKELVY.

REPORT DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS COMMITTEE.

To the Bishop and Members of White River Annual Conference:

Brethren—Your Committee on District Conference Journals desire to submit the following report: We urge the secretaries to be very careful in keeping the records, since we are making history.

The journals of Batesville, Searcy and Paragould Districts are well kept, while those of Jonesboro and Helena need improvement.

A. C. CLOYCE, Chairman.
J. A. ROBERTS, Secretary.

ORPHANAGE COMMITTEE.

We recommend the adoption of the plan of the Board of Trustees for raising funds for building purposes. We commend most heartily the work done by Bro. Thornburgh. Bro. Thornburgh is performing a most excellent service for the orphanage, and refuses to accept any salary for same. This should be an inspiration to the preachers of the White River Conference to help carry out this most important work. We urge that each Sunday school in the Conference take a special collection for the Orphanage at some appropriate time during the year.

F. N. LOONEY.
C. F. WILSON.
E. HAMILTON.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

To the President and Members of the White River Conference:

Dear Brethren:—We, your Auditing Committee, desire to report that, after much delay in receiving the financial settlements of the pastors, we have carefully examined all the accounts. After rectifying a number of errors we have turned over to the various boards settlements of receipts and cash as follows:

Total treasurer's receipts.....	\$ 2,075.90
Total amount of drafts.....	10,691.60
Total amount of cash.....	653.24

Total amount received.....\$13,420.74

Disbursements—

By cash to T. B. Williamson for Sunday School.....	\$ 34.85
By cash paid to T. A. Bowen, Church Extension.....	1,718.82
By cash to F. C. Sterling, Joint Board Finance.....	3,805.98
By cash paid to Ed. Hamilton for Orphanage.....	621.20
By cash to J. D. Rutledge, for Bible cause.....	90.27
By cash to A. L. Malone, for Foreign and Domestic Missions..	3,907.84
By cash to A. E. Holloway, for Education.....	1,151.18
By cash to A. E. Holloway, Superannuate Fund.....	6.00
By treasurer's receipts to all the boards.....	2,075.90
By cash to T. B. Williamson, an error in the Children's Day fund	5.40

Total disbursements	\$13,417.44
Balance on hand.....	3.30

\$13,420.74

W. J. LEROY,
E. K. SEWELL,
Auditors

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Third Year—A. M. R. Branson, S. L. Cochran, A. F. Skinner.

Fourth Year—R. B. McSwain, C. Pope, H. V. Johnson.

MEMOIR.

Rev. S. D. Evans was born in Panola County, Mississippi, 1836, and died in Searcy, Arkansas, 1908. He married Miss Eliza Ann Roper, in Phillips County, Arkansas, June 16, 1861. They had no children. He was converted in that county, 1870, and licensed to preach. He served the following charges, and I am persuaded several others, but of which I can find no record: Oil Trough Circuit, Tuckerman Circuit, Hoxie, Mississippi, Portia Circuit, Colt Circuit, Corning Circuit, Swifton Circuit, Cache Mission, Viola Circuit, Pocahontas Circuit, Oak Forrest Circuit. He died suddenly of heart failure. He is at rest forever. Remember his frail and fast-failing widow in your prayers and contributions.

JNO. H. DYE.

MEMOIR.

Henry Bascum Cox was born in Weakley County, Tennessee, February 13th, 1843. Brought up on a farm by godly parents and trained in those sterling qualities that ministered to the development of an upright and honest childhood, which after his majority manifested itself in a strong and sturdy manhood, that made him a striking personality in every circle wherein he moved. His education was not obtained in the best of schools and yet by close observation and personal effort he acquired good command of language and his whole bearing was that of a well educated gentleman.

He early enlisted in the Confederate Army and was soon promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He participated in a number of battles, and in the famous battle of Murfreesboro received a wound in the foot which disabled him for the remainder of the war and left him slightly lame for life. Being disqualified for further service he retired to Georgia, where on September 10th, 1863, he married Miss Addie E. Lavender of that State.

He was converted in 1866 and united with the Methodist Protestant Church and was that year licensed to preach. In 1867 he returned to his Arkansas home in Clay County, where for a time he was engaged in farming, milling and merchandising. On July 9th, 1880, his wife died, leaving him with several children. February the 9th, 1882, he was married the second time to Miss Laura I. Cox, daughter of Rev. J. W. Cox and wife, of Clay County, Arkansas. The fruit of this marriage was one son and one daughter, of whom the daughter, Miss Beatrice, survives, and with her mother now resides at Rector in this State.

At the Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church in Batesville he was ordained elder on November 10th, 1878. It was not until 1889 that he joined the Arkansas Conference of his church and was assigned to Haynesville, La., where he served two years, 1890-1891. He served Magnolia, Arkansas, in 1892; Rector, Arkansas, in 1893; Haynesville, La., again in 1894. So highly esteemed were his labors in that church, that at the session of their Conference of that year he was chosen President of that body and served the church in that capacity during the year 1895. He was re-elected to the same position for the following year, but resigned and accepted the Malden Circuit.

In November, 1896, he withdrew from the Methodist Protestant Church and joined the White River Conference of the M. E. Church

South, then convened in Paragould, under the presidency of Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald. He was then appointed to Vanndale Circuit. The following year (1898) he was assigned to Marion Circuit. In 1899 he served Wynne and Vanndale and in 1900 Vanndale Station. He was greatly beloved by the people of this heroic little station. The following four years from 1901 to 1904 he served Holly Grove and Marvell. Never was a man more universally loved and honored than was he by the people of this old aristocratic little town.

During the years 1905 and 1906 he served Brinkley station. In 1907 he was stationed at Newport and at our last Conference he was stationed at Osceola. Bishop Hoss presiding. Here he labored with unabated zeal and marked success until July 12th, when with sword "red with recent fight he ceased at once to work and live." Preaching at eleven o'clock that day with unusual unction and power, and at the close of the service administering Holy Baptism to a man who had just been reclaimed from a wicked life he went home, ate a light dinner, and in less than an hour, perhaps, after pronouncing the benediction he was listening to the rapturous acclaim of those "Who had washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb." Brother Cox was a good and true man, a faithful pastor and an excellent practical preacher. He wrought well, he died in peace and rests with God.

"Weep not for a brother deceased,
Our loss is his infinite gain!
A soul out of prison released,
And freed from its bodily pain.
With songs let us follow his flight,
And mount with his spirit above,
Escaped to the Mansions of light,
And lodged in the Eden of love."

Respectfully submitted,

CADESMAN POPE.

MEMOIR.

Rev. Ellison Mitchell Davis was born in Stoddard County, Mo., Sept. 20, 1848, and died at Evening Shade, Sharp County, Ark., March 25, 1908—aged 59 years 4 months and 5 days.

He was soundly converted in early life and joined the M. E. Church, South, on the Walnut Hill Circuit. He was licensed to preach at the Wells church in the same charge in 1876, by the Quarterly Conference, Rev. E. A. Garrison, P. E., and Rev. J. F. Armstrong, P. C. He was admitted on trial into the White River Conference at Batesville, in 1884, and into full connection in 1888. He was ordained a local Deacon by Bishop J. C. Granberry at Newport, Dec. 16, 1883, and elder by Bishop C. B. Galloway at Searcy, Dec., 1899. Bro. Davis served the following charges: Walnut Hill Circuit, 1885; Siloam Circuit, 1886-1887; Walnut Hill again, 1888; Tuckerman Circuit, 1889-1890; Portia Circuit, 1891-1892; Imboden Circuit, 1893; Reyno Circuit, 1894; Corning and Noble, 1895; Jacksonville Circuit, 1896-1897; El Paso Circuit, 1898-1899; Shiloh Circuit, 1900; Heber Mission, 1901; West Point Circuit, 1902-1903; Pleasant Plains Circuit, 1905; Salem and Camp, 1906-1907. He was appointed to the Evening Shade Circuit by Bishop E. E. Hoss, at Corning last December, and moved immediately after Conference and took charge of the work, preached one sermon from Acts 27:23, "For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am and whom I serve."

This was his last sermon. He was taken sick immediately and took his bed, where he lingered and suffered much until March 25, when God called him away from the sufferings and sorrows of earth to the joys and bliss of heaven.

Perhaps no member of this Conference knew Bro. Davis better than I did. We were intimate friends and loved each other in all sincerity, and I can conscientiously say that, in every sense of the word, *he was a good man and a strong preacher of the Gospel of Christ*, and was so recognized by the people whom he served. Great revivals of religion attended his ministry in many of the charges he served, and many were the souls that professed faith in Christ under his ministry.

Bro. Davis had a limited education, but he was a close and diligent student and reader, and he had a fine memory which enabled him to retain the valuable knowledge he gained by thus applying himself. Bro. Davis had sore trials to pass through during his itinerant life, which he bore with great patience and Christian fortitude, and he seldom spoke of them to his most intimate friends. These trials drew him closer to his Lord.

He was happily married to his second wife, Miss Mary Marcella Bechtol, by the writer, Oct. 10, 1895, at Hardy, Ark. From that happy time until the day of his death, Sister Davis was a source of inspiration and helpfulness to him in all his efforts to build up the cause of Christ that they both loved so well.

His last illness was long and painful, but he never murmured. Like Paul, he was ready and willing to depart and be with Christ. He had no fears of death. His only regret was leaving his wife. Thank God! He fully realized in his last moments that the angel of God whose servant he was and whom he loved, was standing by him as he joyously passed over the river to receive his crown of glory in the City of God.

Farewell, dear brother, until we meet in the great Conference in heaven.

S. L. COCHRAN.

MEMOIR.

Mrs. Mary F. Rorie was the wife of Rev. Thomas O. Rorie and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. and Nora Brooks. She was born in Oglethorpe County, Ga., December 19, 1864. In 1881 she dedicated her life to God and joined the Methodist Church. On August 23, 1882, she was married to Rev. Thos. O. Rorie, member of the North Georgia Conference. To them three sons and two daughters were born, all of whom, with the husband and father, remain in sorrow since the departure of the wife and mother, which sad event took place at Brinkley, Ark., May 25, 1908, after months of suffering.

The remains were carried to Arkadelphia, their former home, where the funeral was conducted in the Methodist Church by Rev. A. O. Evans, the pastor, assisted by the writer. Revs. J. A. Sage, A. Turrentine and C. J. Green offered appropriate remarks on the life and character of the departed saint; after which the sacred dust was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Her life was the unceasing flow of an undying character. It extracted the noble and sweet from those around her and engrafted them with her own nature. She loved the noble, the true and the pure. No sham, deceit or hypocrisy of any kind ever received a smile of approval from

her. She was her real self, pure and unpretentious, a companionable companion and a helper in all the itinerant life of her husband. She kept well the home and paved the way for every advanced movement of her husband. All was a free gift and nothing was counted as a sacrifice that she might do to advance God's kingdom through her husband and children.

She bore a countenance of cheer and sunshine through her protracted illness and met death with a conquering faith and a submissive spirit and passed to her unending reward. We feel our loss and in sadness we wait the reunion above.

In deep sympathy for the lonely and sorrowing, I am fraternally,
W. F. EVANS.

MEMBERSHIP, BAPTISMS AND CHURCH PROPERTY FOR 1908.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE	Local Preachers	Members Reported Last Year	Additions on Profession of Faith	Additions by Certificate and Otherwise	Present Total Membership	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Societies in Charge	HOUSES OF WORSHIP			PARSONAGES			Value of Other Church Property	Money Expended for Churches and Parsonages	Churches Damaged or Destroy'd		Insurance Carried	Premiums Paid	Loss Collected
									Number of	Value of	Indebtedness on	Number of	Value of	Indebtedness on			Number	Amount Damaged			
Batesville, First Church	1	424	4	49	437	10	2	1	1	5000 00		2	4000 00	1000 00		156 40		4000 00			
Batesville, Central Avenue		142	12	9	153	8	6	1	1	1200 00		1	800 00			50 00		600 00			
Newark Station	1	215	27	7	249	21	1	1	1	1000 00		1	400 00	200 00		32 33		250 00			
Cave City Circuit	3	315	6	7	268	4	4	5	4	1800 00		1	800 00			140 00					
Calico Rock and Mt. View Ct.	4	623	25	25	673	17	15	7	6	5500 00	200 00	1	300 00		525 00		1600 00	16 00			
Melbourne Circuit	5	234	19	4	415	6	1	6	5	3600 00		1	600 00			70 00					
Bexar Circuit	2	384	4	6	380	2	6	5	6	2000 00		1	225 00			25 00					
Evening Shade Circuit	1	238	6	19	249	6	2	5	4	1800 00		1	200 00								
Salem Circuit	3	213	35	59	306	10	3	3	3	1500 00	25 00	1	700 00		150 00	150 00					
Sulphur Rock Circuit	4	478	48	2	402	38	8	6	6	3000 00		1	600 00	10 00		125 00					
Pleasant Plains Circuit		200	9	7	200	9	1	6	1	200 00											
Jessup Circuit	1	221	11	9	126		1	4	3	1100 00		1	450 00		75 00	23 75					
Wolf Bayou Circuit	1	425	87	1	444	25	5	8	6	2100 00		1	300 00			452 77					
Bethesda Circuit	1	224	10	25	260	7	5	5	4	3600 00						85 00					
Swifton Circuit	1	565	7	3	550	3		6	3	2000 00		1	800 00	251 00		858 00		800 00	1 00		
Smithville Circuit		178	1		174		2	5	5	2750 00		1	500 00			25 00					
Ash Flat Circuit	2	329	2	5	330	2		7	3	1200 00		1	500 00			50 00					
Desha Circuit	1	480	69	9	496	57	2	6	5	3500 00		1	400 00								
Total	31	5888	382	246	6112	225	56	93	67	42850 00	225 00	17	11575 00	1461 00	750 00	2243 25		7250 00	17 00		
Total Last Year	33	4958	958	258	6410	904	77	91	70	46550 00	2184 87	17	10950 00	200 00	579 74	4535 50	1	2800 00	76 00		
Increase		930						2					625 00	1261 00	170 26			5450 00			
Decrease	2		576	12	298	679	21		2	3700 00	1959 87					2292 25	1	160 00	59 00		

HELENA DISTRICT.

Helena	1	330	14	24	358	6	5	1	1	20000 00		1	3000 00			265 00				
Laconia		124	12	3	130	8	6	3	1	400 00		1	500 00							
La Grange		177	15	3	137	12	6	4	4	3400 00		1	600 00			46 30		1000 00	19 50	
Marianna		258	17	18	260	16	3	1	1	3000 00		2	6000 00	1250 00	1800 00	416 00		5100 00	54 00	
Haynes	1	197	4	4	105	3	7	5	4	3000 00		1	400 00			60 00				
Forrest City	1	263	1	10	266		9	1	1	5000 00		2	4000 00			166 00			8 65	
Colt	2	428	60	3	480	50	4	6	5	3700 00	200 00	1	500 00			466 00				
Wynne	2	358	17	4	376	5	1	1	1	1000 00		1	3500 00	89 00	3000 00	1950 00		2300 00	30 00	
Parkin		55	5	8	63	5	1	1												
McCrory and DeView	1	482	47	6	529	38	8	3	2	3000 00		1	500 00			350 00				
Brinkley	3	190	16	13	164	5	5	1	1	6000 00		1	1500 00			125 40		1000 00	25 00	
Cotton Plant and Howell		300	3	5	307	1	2	3	3	6000 00						76 50		2200 00	18 00	
Wheatley Circuit		138	27	14	179	14	2	7	5	2700 00		1	800 00			391 53				
Clarendon		222	2	18	196	2		1	1	2700 00		1	2000 00		130 00	150 00		2500 00	20 00	
Turner and Shiloh			20	4	108	20	5	3	2	1600 00						125 00				
Holly Grove and Marvel		266		5	127		11	2	2	3000 00		1	1000 00			316 00		1400 00	12 08	
St. Francis Mission			17	18	35	6		3												
Hamiter Mission			3		50			3	1	800 00										
Total	11	3788	280	160	3930	189	74	49	35	65300 00	200 00	15	24300 00	1339 00	4930 00	4903 73		15500 00	187 23	
Total Last Year	13	3837	222	220	3727	139	24	44	37	65200 00	531 47	16	25200 00	1775 00	4795 00	3331 10		28600 00	352 05	
Increase		58			203	50	50	5		100 00					135 00	1572 63				
Decrease	2	49		60					2		331 47	1	900 00	436 00				13100 00	164 82	

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Jonesboro, First Church.....	3	717	11	62	720	5	3	1	1	20000 00	.....	2	4000 00	110 50	.....	591 95	1	151 50	12000 00	136 00	151 50
Jonesboro, Second Church.....	1	160	10	3	150	3	2	1	1	4000 00	.....	1	800 00		.....	108 00			1000 00	12 50	
Harrisburg Circuit.....		275	33	2	257	20	1	5	5	3000 00	.....	1	400 00	330 00	.....	879 90					
Harrisburg Station.....		238	11	16	250	5		1	1	6000 00	.....	1	1200 00		.....	373 57			3500 00	22 89	
Vandale.....	1	423	79	25	492	44	11	4	3	3300 00	.....	1	400 00		.....	821 10					
Crawfordsville and Earle.....		72	26	17	105	14	8	2	2	3500 00	400 00	1	1500 00		.....	625 00			1000 00	10 00	
Marked Tree and Tyronza.....	1		10	12	126	10	7	3	2	2400 00					50 00	366 31					
Trinity Circuit.....	2	631	90	6	649	88	12	6	4	4750 00	55 00	1	1050 00		250 00				1800 00	12 69	
Blytheville Station.....	1	323	3	28	318	2	3	1	1	2400 00		1	1000 00			*2400 00			800 00	10 00	
Blytheville Circuit.....	1	136	17	5	153		12	8	4	3000 00				600 00		103 00	1	50 00			
Manila and Dell.....	1	174	63	28	265	63	4	2	2	1500 00		1	600 00			275 00					
Monette and Lake City.....	1		34	3	380	12	3	4	4	6000 00	400 00					3000 00			1000 00	9 75	
Bay Circuit.....			21	5	200	21	8	5	4	2000 00		1	350 00								
Brookland.....	2	465	28	8	501	26	5	6	6	6700 00	100 00					1633 00					
Cotton Belt Mission.....		124	2	9	128	3	4	3	2	1450 00									600 00		
Luxora and Rozelle.....		194	3	15	203	10	3	2	2	3300 00		1	700 00						2200 00	16 68	
Oseola.....		162	44	13	193	43	2	1	1	4000 00		1	1000 00		350 00	301 66					
Nettleton.....		181	4	1	164	3		1	1	1250 00		1	700 00						1800 00	17 25	
Bay and Marked Tree.....		200																			
Crawfordsville and Marion.....		172																			
Lake City.....		429																			
Total.....	13	5076	489	258	5254	372	88	56	46	75650 00	955 00	14	13700 00	440 50	1250 00	11478 49	2	201 50	25700 00	247 76	151 50
Total Last Year.....	16	5405	584	293	5692	424	131	61	48	78750 00	407 05	15	13500 00	629 90	2065 00	4953 24			26950 00	253 93	
Increase.....											547 95			200		6525 25					
Decrease.....	3	329	95	35	438	52	43	5	2	3100 00		1		188 40	815 00				1250 00	6 17	

*On new church.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT.

Paragould, First Church.....	...	570	16	19	431	12	5	1	1	15000 00	250 00	2	6000 00	67 00	.....	300 00	.....	7000 00	150 00	.....
Paragould, East Side.....	...	285	39	13	353	28	4	2	2	3000 00	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paragould Circuit.....	4	338	67	2	351	25	5	4	4	4500 00	.....	1	800 00	.....	25 00	797 10	.....	1000 00	21 50	.....
Gainsville Circuit.....	3	520	30	5	530	16	8	6	6	3500 00	.....	1	250 00	.....	...	420 00	.....	...	...	...
Piggott Circuit.....	...	325	40	10	353	35	15	3	3	4500 00	.....	2	1750 00	.....	...	269 20	1	50 00	1000 00	.....
Rector Circuit.....	1	568	34	10	602	19	2	4	4	3200 00	.....	1	800 00	150 00	.....	450 00	.....	500 00	12 75	.....
Boydsville Circuit.....	3	180	3	3	173	3	4	5	5	2600 00	.....	1	250 00	.....	...	56 00	.....	...	...	...
Brighton Circuit.....	...	...	40	14	175	40	14	6	5	2500 00	.....	1	450 00	.....	...	217 25	.....	...	...	...
Lorado Circuit.....	2	407	2	7	494	21	...	6	6	2650 00	35 00	1	325 00	.....	...	1	1500 00	1000 00	7 50	.....
Corning Station.....	1	253	15	12	273	12	1	1	1	10000 00	2500 00	1	750 00	.....	...	425 00	.....	5500 00	.....	...
Knobel Circuit.....	1	143	52	...	168	35	4	3	3	3750 00	550 00	1	450 00	.....	...	125 50	.....	...	...	...
Pocahontas Circuit.....	1	216	23	1	202	20	1	4	2	1700 00	.....	1	250 00	.....	...	286 00	.....	...	...	...
Pocahontas and Hoxie.....	1	139	10	6	175	7	2	2	2	1800 00	250 00	1	1100 00	.....	100 00	760 00	.....	1700 00	30 00	.....
Reyno Circuit.....	...	151	130	9	235	76	3	4	3	1200 00	.....	...	...	...	...	250 00	.....	...	...	...
Mammoth Springs Station.....	1	284	3	7	285	3	1	1	1	1500 00	.....	1	1000 00	.....	...	149 00	.....	...	...	...
Hardy Circuit.....	...	125	21	...	141	10	...	4	14	1000 00	.....	...	...	...	...	17 00	.....	...	...	...
Imboden Station.....	1	...	3	...	217	2	3	3	3	2800 00	.....	1	1000 00	125 00	16750 00	135 00	.....	500 00	6 00	.....
Black Rock and Portia.....	3	409	75	19	495	60	11	4	4	5000 00	.....	...	1	750 00	.....	180 00	.....	2500 00	25 00	.....
Walnut Ridge Station.....	...	204	3	11	218	...	...	1	1	1500 00	.....	1	1000 00	.....	...	230 00	.....	1500 00	22 50	.....
Maynard Circuit.....	3	455	9	2	434	5	1	4	3	1800 00	.....	1	500 00	.....	...	66 00	1	50 00	.....	...
Imboden Circuit.....	...	358	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	25	5930	615	150	6305	429	84	68	604	73400 00	3585 00	19	17425 00	342 00	16875 00	5133 05	3	1600 00	22200 00	275 25
Total Last Year.....	25	7004	614	312	6165	416	119	69	60	71450 00	3255 65	17	14700 00	350 00	18280 00	7126 28	1	20 00	24200 00	392 87
Increase.....	...	...	1	...	140	13	...	...	4	1950 00	329 35	2	2725 00	...	...	...	2	1580 00	...	...
Decrease.....	...	...	...	162	...	...	35	1	...	...	...	...	...	8 00	2405 00	1993 23	...	...	2000 00	117 62

EPWORTH LEAGUE, SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WOMEN'S SOCIETIES
BATESVILLE, DISTRICT...

NAME OF CHARGE	EPWORTH LEAGUES							SUNDAY SCHOOLS							Wom's For'n Mis. Society			Wom's Home Mis. Society			Total Collected by Women's Societies	Special for Missions	
	No. Senior Leagues	No. Senior League Members	No. Junior Leagues	No. Junior League Members	Total League Members	Raised by Leagues for Missions	Raised by Leagues for Other Objects	Total Raised by Leagues	No. Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	No. S. School Scholars Enrolled During Year	Collected for Missions	Collected on Children's Day	Collected for Other Purposes	Total Raised by Sunday Schools	No. Societies	No. Members	Total Money Raised	No. Societies	No. Members			Total Money Raised
Batesville, First Church.....	1	50	1	40	90	49 00	25 00	74 00	1	30	500	.....	8 05	281 11	289 16	1	30	294 70	1	55	344 60	639 30	.....
Batesville, Central Avenue.....	1	17	.....	.....	17	1 94	.....	1 94	1	9	135	7 77	1 00	22 00	30 77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newark.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10	176	.....	.....	52 51	52 51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cave City Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	22	256	.....	.....	35 50	35 50	.....	.....	.....	1	20	10 00	10 00	.....
Calico Rock & Mt. View Cir't.	1	32	1	39	71	6 50	15 00	21 50	8	40	300	.....	.....	127 00	127 00	.....	.....	2	40	278 00	278 00	.....
Melbourne Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	30	200	1 50	3 00	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bexar Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	12	150	.....	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Evening Shade Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12	196	.....	.....	20 00	20 00	1	16	16 00	.....	.....	.....	16 00	.....
Salem Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	22	250	.....	3 00	57 50	60 50	.....	.....	.....	1	30	27 00	27 00	.....
Sulphur Rock Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	20	443	10 50	.....	25 00	35 50	1	12	15 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....
Pleasant Plains Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2½	15	130	1 00	.....	17 00	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jesup Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12	130	.....	.....	18 00	20 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wolf Bayou Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	39	369	.....	3 00	40 50	43 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethesda Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	20	175	.....	.....	15 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swifton Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	15	250	.....	.....	75 46	75 46	2	10	10 00	2	10	10 00	20 00	.....
Smithville Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	15	75	.....	.....	40 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ash Flat Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	30	300	2 10	.....	30 00	32 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Desha Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	30	374	.....	.....	40 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	3	99	2	79	178	57 44	40 00	97 44	64½	383	4409	22 87	20 75	906 58	950 20	5	68	335 70	7	155	669 60	1005 30	.....
Total Last Year.....	3	86	2	135	221	5 40	37 00	42 40	60	347	3990	151 55	28 90	670 83	851 28	5	97	261 65	5	111	1318 08	1579 73	.....
Increase.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	52 04	3 00	55 04	4½	36	419	.....	.....	235 75	98 92	.....	.....	74 05	2	44	648 48	574 43	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	56	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	128 68	8 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

HELENA DISTRICT.

Helena.....	1	35	35	1	23	187	100 60	20 77	246 27	367 04	1	35	237 28	1	35	276 00	513 28
Laconia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	10	35	.....	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
La Grange.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	21	134	.....	.....	55 58	55 58	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marianna.....	1	8	1	31	39	.....	.....	.....	1	7	105	34 00	10 00	76 00	120 00	.....	.....	1	45	406 00	406 00	.....
Haynes.....	1	31	.....	.....	31	.....	.....	.....	3	24	141	.....	1 00	45 19	46 19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Forrest City.....	1	27	1	30	57	15 70	15 70	1	16	135	25 06	3 30	81 67	110 03	1	30	52 11	1	85	334 00	386 11
Colt.....	1	16	.....	.....	16	4 28	3 75	8 03	4	18	190	.....	.....	40 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wynne.....	1	45	1	40	85	21 00	40 00	61 00	1	13	259	7 50	10 00	143 00	160 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Parkin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	16	102	15 00	.....	32 00	47 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
McCrory and DeVew.....	1	46	1	34	80	16 00	38 50	54 50	3	19	372	14 34	5 52	.....	19 86	1	18	76 00	.....	.....	76 00	40 00
Brinkley.....	1	40	1	47	87	25 00	27 40	52 40	1	10	125	10 80	6 06	44 36	61 22	1	15	2 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....
Cotton Plant and Howell.....	3	17	208	19 14	6 00	98 00	123 14	*1	*22	*44 88	1	20	148 35	193 23
Wheatley Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	26	216	.....	1 67	48 79	50 46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clarendon.....	1	27	27	20 40	16 00	36 40	1	14	130	20 00	128 00	148 00	1	20	103 50	1	20	134 00	237 50
Turner and Shiloh.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	14	111	.....	6 70	.....	6 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holly Grove and Marvel.....	1	24	2	49	73	15 00	15 00	2	139	83 00	10 00	79 00	172 00	1	23	87 00	1	11	23 00	110 00
St. Francis Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	18	85	.....	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hamiter Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	15	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	8	237	9	293	530	86 68	156 35	243 03	45	271	2722	328 84	81 02	1137 86	1547 72	7	163	602 77	6	216	1321 35	1924 12	40 00
Total Last Year.....	7	212	6	150	330	102 90	82 85	185 75	43	296	2850	282 44	95 32	973 83	1351 59	7	127	604 40	6	162	1027 50	1631 90
Increase.....	1	25	3	143	200	16 22	73 50	57 28	2	25	46 40	164 03	196 13	36	54	293 85	292 20	40 00
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 63	.....	.....	.....	.....

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Jonesboro, First Church.....	1	50	...	...	50	29 00	21 20	50 20	1	28	660	115 00	.....	287 43	402 43	2	111	427 05	1	84	610 78	1037 83	.....
Jonesboro, Second Church.....									1	13	140	26 00	.....	111 17	137 17								
Harrisburg Circuit.....									4	25	175		.....	18 00	18 00								
Harrisburg Station.....			1	42	42		15 38	15 38	1	15	210	25 00	7 50	108 57	141 07				1	22	208 75	208 75	
Vann Dale.....									4	27	290	6 48		110 00	116 48				1	26	146 94	146 94	
Crawfordsville and Earle.....									2	16	110		4 00	58 00	62 00								
Marked Tree and Tyronza.....									3	21	122			48 60	48 60								
Trinity Circuit.....									6	58	410			60 00	60 00								
Blytheville Station.....			1	25	25		9 25	9 25	1	12	212			172 46	172 46				1	52	549 88	549 88	
Blytheville Circuit.....									10	54	566			176 06	176 06								
Manila and Dell.....									2	14	140		3 00	35 88	38 88								
Monette and Lake City.....									3	19	220			17 00	17 00								
Bay Circuit.....									4	12	150			36 00	36 00								
Brookland.....									7	53	369			173 89	173 89								
Bardstown and Marion.....																							
Cotton Belt Mission.....									1	8	52												
Luxora and Rozelle.....									2	14	125	15 00	14 13	56 10	85 23								
Osceola.....									1	12	144	28 85		95 85	124 70				1	41	353 20	353 20	
Nettleton.....									1	16	169	22 46	6 72	86 88	116 06								
Total.....	1	50	2	67	117	29 00	45 83	74 83	54	417	4264	238 79	35 35	1633 89	1908 03	2	111	427 05	5	225	1869 55	2296 60	.....
Total Last Year.....	4	124	3	470	594	10 00	94 70	104 70	50	396	4460	209 71	60 32	1688 53	1958 56	2	105	322 63	4	154	1165 61	1488 24	.....
Increase.....						19 00			4	21		29 08					6	104 42	1	71	703 94	808 36	
Decrease.....	3	74	1	403	477		48 87	29 87			196		24 97	54 64	50 53								

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FINANCE 1908. BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE	PRESIDING ELDER		PREACHERS IN CHARGE		BISHOPS		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		FOREIGN MISSIONS		DOMESTIC MISSIONS		Special for Missions Paid.	CHURCH EXTENSION		EDUCATION		ORPHANAGE		Ex. Del. Gen. Conf.		PRINTING MINUTES.		Paid for Objects Not Elsewhere Reported	Total Finance Table.	Grand Total from Tables 1, 2 and 3.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.			
Batesville, First Church.....	224 00	224 00	1600 00	1600 00	22 05	22 05	68 30	68 30	137 50	137 50	92 45	92 45	.....	55 50	55 50	39 75	39 75	29 60	29 60	5 55	5 55	3 50	3 50	458 44	2736 64	3895 50
Batesville, Central Avenue...	42 15	35 00	300 00	260 00	4 15	4 15	12 80	12 80	25 80	15 00	17 35	17 35	.....	10 40	7 80	7 45	7 45	5 55	4 80	1 00	1 00	65 65	65 65	115 00	481 00	563 71
Newark.....	84 00	76 85	600 00	550 40	8 30	5 00	25 60	20 00	51 60	20 00	34 65	10 00	.....	20 80	10 00	14 90	10 00	11 10	.....	2 05	.....	1 30	.....	297 00	999 25	1084 09
Cave City Circuit.....	56 00	35 00	400 00	252 00	5 55	5 00	17 10	2 50	34 40	3 50	23 10	1 25	.....	13 85	1 00	9 95	.....	7 40	.....	1 40	.....	85 85	75 75	18 00	319 00	504 50
Calico Rock and Mt. View Cir't	105 35	91 05	752 50	652 25	10 45	5 00	32 10	14 00	64 60	15 00	43 45	14 00	.....	26 05	9 00	18 95	5 00	13 90	5 00	2 60	1 60	1 65	1 65	.....	813 55	1256 05
Melbourne Circuit.....	70 00	63 20	500 00	445 90	6 95	6 00	21 35	20 00	43 00	27 00	28 90	20 00	.....	17 35	10 00	12 40	8 00	9 25	9 00	1 75	1 75	1 10	1 25	5 00	617 10	691 60
Bexar Circuit.....	37 80	36 45	270 00	260 83	3 75	3 83	11 55	8 00	23 25	9 81	15 60	6 00	.....	9 35	5 00	6 70	4 00	5 00	5 00	95 95	60 60	60 60	1 25	341 72	376 72	
Evening Shade Circuit.....	58 55	40 29	418 00	315 41	5 80	5 80	17 85	17 85	36 00	22 31	24 15	22 00	.....	14 50	10 00	10 40	5 00	7 75	.....	1 45	1 45	90 90	44 00	485 01	521 01	
Salem Circuit.....	45 50	33 05	325 00	275 80	4 50	3 00	13 85	13 85	28 00	.....	18 75	.....	.....	11 25	.....	8 30	.....	6 00	.....	1 10	1 00	70 70	65 25	392 65	630 15	
Sulphur Rock Circuit.....	70 00	55 95	500 00	418 55	7 00	7 00	21 35	21 35	43 00	20 00	28 90	10 00	.....	17 35	17 30	12 40	.....	9 25	.....	1 75	1 75	1 10	1 10	52 10	605 10	780 60
Pleasant Plains Circuit.....	32 20	29 25	230 00	208 95	3 20	2 50	9 80	2 50	19 75	2 50	13 30	2 50	.....	8 00	1 00	5 70	.....	4 25	.....	80 80	60 60	50 50	.....	250 40	268 40	
Jesup Circuit.....	37 00	32 00	266 00	229 00	3 65	3 00	11 35	6 00	22 85	6 00	15 35	5 30	.....	9 20	.....	6 60	.....	4 90	4 20	95 90	50 50	50 50	36 40	323 30	367 75	
Wolf Bayou Circuit.....	44 10	41 18	315 00	305 75	4 40	4 40	13 45	2 48	27 00	4 98	18 20	3 35	.....	10 90	2 02	7 70	1 42	5 80	1 07	1 10	20 65	65 65	.....	367 50	863 77	
Bethesda Circuit.....	60 20	40 00	430 00	245 00	6 00	6 00	18 35	18 35	37 00	37 00	24 85	24 85	.....	14 90	14 90	10 70	10 70	7 95	7 95	1 50	1 50	95 95	.....	407 20	507 20	
Swifton Circuit.....	85 40	83 00	610 00	456 95	8 45	4 00	26 02	15 00	52 40	5 00	35 25	5 00	.....	21 10	15 00	15 15	.....	11 25	5 00	2 15	.....	1 30	1 30	106 90	697 15	1651 61
Smithville Circuit.....	56 00	24 98	400 00	248 21	5 55	.....	17 05	.....	34 40	.....	23 10	.....	.....	13 85	.....	9 90	.....	7 40	.....	1 35	.....	85 85	.....	273 19	338 19	
Ash Flat Circuit.....	36 80	27 25	264 00	234 70	3 65	3 65	11 25	11 25	22 65	10 00	15 20	10 00	.....	9 15	.....	6 55	.....	4 85	.....	90 90	55 55	55 55	.....	298 30	380 40	
Desha Circuit.....	66 50	57 40	475 00	406 37	6 60	6 60	20 25	20 25	40 80	30 80	27 45	17 45	.....	16 50	11 50	11 80	8 90	8 80	.....	1 65	1 65	1 05	1 05	53 00	614 97	654 97
Total.....	1211 55	1025 90	8655 50	7366 07	120 00	96 98	369 37	274 48	744 00	366 40	500 00	261 50	.....	300 00	170 02	215 30	100 22	160 00	71 62	30 00	20 80	18 70	16 70	1252 34	11023 03	15336 22
Total Last Year.....	1100 00	888 29	8040 00	6629 39	120 00	99 15	295 50	194 27	744 55	350 45	400 00	220 60	39 75	330 00	126 25	215 00	60 54	160 00	71 62	30 00	20 80	18 70	16 70	2268 88	10877 57	17962 48
Increase.....	111 55	137 61	615 50	736 68	.....	.....	73 87	80 21	.....	15 95	100 00	40 90	.....	.....	43 77	30	39 68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1016 54	145 46	2626 26
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 17	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	39 75	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

HELENA DISTRICT.

Helena.....	200 00	200 00	1500 00	1525 00	29 00	29 00	84 00	125 50	120 00	150 00	57 00	58 00	.....	70 00	70 00	44 00	44 00	26 00	51 00	6 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	720 00	2982 50	4127 82
Laconia.....	82 50	40 35	660 00	327 90	12 00	10 00	34 00	15 00	50 00	5 00	22 00	10 00	.....	30 00	.....	19 00	.....	10 00	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	408 25	418 25	.....
La Grange.....	82 50	59 90	660 00	480 60	12 00	8 00	34 00	23 00	50 00	35 00	22 00	12 00	.....	30 00	15 00	19 00	9 00	10 00	6 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	27 21	677 71	799 09
Marianna.....	175 00	176 00	1400 00	1400 00	27 00	27 00	76 00	76 00	112 00	112 00	54 00	54 00	.....	65 00	65 00	41 00	41 00	22 00	22 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	300 00	2281 00	3277 00
Haynes.....	87 50	86 20	700 00	690 20	13 00	12 00	38 00	35 00	58 00	35 00	25 00	20 00	.....	32 00	20 00	21 00	12 00	10 00	8 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	922 40	1028 59	.....
Forrest City.....	135 00	135 00	1080 00	1080 00	20 00	20 00	58 00	58 00	86 00	86 00	40 00	40 00	.....	51 00	51 00	31 00	31 00	20 00	20 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	395 87	1922 87	2609 36
Colt.....	82 50	68 30	660 00	560 85	12 00	12 00	34 00	30 00	50 00	50 00	22 00	22 00	.....	30 00	34 00	19 00	19 00	10 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	808 15	1322 18	.....
Wynne.....	150 00	150 00	1200 00	1200 00	22 00	22 00	58 00	50 00	105 00	100 00	45 00	40 00	.....	54 00	50 00	33 00	30 00	20 00	25 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	1673 00	3874 50	.....
Parkin.....	82 50	49 75	660 00	476 75	11 00	10 00	34 00	25 00	50 00	15 75	22 00	22 00	.....	30 00	5 00	19 00	3 00	10 00	5 63	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	35 00	650 88	697 88
McCrory and DeView.....	100 00	83 60	800 00	732 00	15 00	15 00	40 00	34 00	62 00	50 00	30 00	25 00	.....	37 00	21 15	22 00	15 00	12 00	1 50	2 00	1 50	2 00	.....	978 75	1519 11	.....
Brinkley.....	82 50	82 50	660 00	700 00	11 00	11 00	34 00	34 00	50 00	50 00	22 00	27 00	.....	30 00	30 00	19 00	19 00	10 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	193 27	1160 77	1426 79
Cotton Plant and Howell.....	82 50	85 25	660 00	684 60	11 00	11 00	34 00	34 00	50 00	50 00	22 00	22 00	.....	30 00	30 00	19 00	19 00	10 00	10 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	156 85	1106 70	1517 57
Wheatley Circuit.....	93 75	78 96	750 00	631 68	13 00	6 50	38 00	20 00	30 00	30 00	27 00	14 00	.....	34 00	17 00	21 00	10 00	11 00	.....	3 00	1 50	2 00	1 00	39 38	850 02	1292 01
Clarendon.....	150 00	150 00	1200 00	900 00	22 00	22 00	58 00	58 00	105 00	105 00	45 00	45 00	.....	54 00	54 00	31 00	31 00	20 00	20 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	200 00	1591 00	2182 90
Turner and Shiloh.....	45 00	45 00	360 00	422 00	5 00	4 00	20 00	15 00	24 00	15 00	10 00	8 00	.....	15 00	8 70	12 00	4 00	3 00	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	126 00	648 70	780 40
Holly Grove and Marvel.....	112 50	112 50	900 00	900 00	17 00	17 00	46 00	46 00	70 00	70 00	34 00	34 00	.....	41 00	41 00	25 00	25 00	6 00	11 00	3 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	80 00	1341 50	1966 58
St. Francis Mission.....	50 00	32 67	400 00	261 03	.....	.....	.....	16 35	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	330 05	340 05	.....
Hamiter Mission.....	41 25	19 86	330 00	158 94	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	178 80	178 80	.....
Total.....	1835 00	1655 84	14580 00	13131 55	252 00	236 50	720 00	694 85	1100 00	958 75	499 00	473 00	.....	633 00	511 85	395 00	312 00	210 00	200 13	45 00	40 00	35 00	25 00	2273 58	20513 05	29358 88
Total Last Year.....	1600 00	1527 70	12535 00	11715 06	252 00	238 00	575 00	537 70	1108 40	956 06	400 00	374 45	150 00	.....	465 00	419 39	410 00	1386 82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3013 91	20319 07	27171 48
Increase.....	235 00	128 14	2045 00	1416 49	145 00	157 15	2 69	99 00	98 55	168 00	92 46	210 00	200 13	45 00	40 00	35 00	25 00	740 33	193 98	2187 40
Decrease.....	1 50	8 40	150 00	15 00	1074 74

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Jonesboro, First Church.....	280 00	280 00	1800 00	1800 00	44 00	44 00	126 00	126 00	180 00	181 00	88 00	88 00
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FINANCE 1908. PARAGOULD DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	PRESIDING ELDER		PREACHERS - IN CHARGE		BISHOPS		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS		FOREIGN MISSIONS		DOMESTIC MISSIONS.		Special for Missions Paid.	CHURCH EXTENSION		EDUCATION		ORPHANAGE		Ex. Del. Gen. Conf.		PRINTING MINUTES		Paid for Objects Not Elsewhere Reported	Total Finance Table.	Grand Total from Tables 1, 2 and 3.
	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.		Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.	Assessed.	Paid.			
Paragould, First Church	288 00	259 98	1800 00	1665 33	33 15	24 00	99 00	78 00	153 30	120 00	73 35	55 00	.....	84 36	65 00	54 28	40 00	30 80	51 00	5 87	5 00	4 67	5 00	465 00	2833 31	4261 46
Paragould, East Side	96 00	64 65	600 00	404 90	11 06	7 40	33 00	22 97	51 10	34 10	24 46	16 30	.....	28 13	18 75	18 10	12 10	10 27	6 85	1 96	1 30	1 56	1 05	125 00	715 37	812 37
Paragould Circuit	64 00	64 00	400 00	400 00	7 37	7 37	22 01	22 08	34 08	34 08	16 30	16 30	.....	18 75	18 75	12 06	12 06	6 84	6 84	1 30	1 30	1 04	1 01	59 00	642 79	1536 62
Gainesville Circuit	80 00	49 00	500 00	317 00	9 20	8 00	27 48	20 00	42 54	15 00	20 35	15 00	.....	23 40	.....	15 06	.....	8 55	.....	1 62	1 00	1 30	1 30	.....	426 30	897 30
Piggott Circuit	96 32	96 00	602 00	600 00	11 06	9 00	33 00	23 20	51 10	20 00	24 46	12 50	.....	28 13	8 00	18 10	7 00	10 27	5 00	1 96	1 00	1 56	1 55	83 45	866 70	1593 68
Rector Circuit	88 22	81 51	551 68	509 61	10 12	10 00	30 23	15 00	46 83	10 00	22 41	10 00	.....	25 76	10 00	16 58	4 00	9 42	2 60	1 79	.....	1 43	1 40	75 00	729 12	1268 87
Boydsville Circuit	57 60	48 38	360 40	273 32	6 62	6 60	19 78	14 26	30 62	4 83	14 65	14 65	.....	16 80	.....	10 84	.....	6 15	.....	1 18	1 28	94	96	.....	364 28	500 40
Brighton Circuit	60 00	49 05	380 00	424 67	7 00	7 00	20 93	10 00	32 41	13 00	15 50	7 23	.....	17 83	8 30	11 47	.....	6 51	5 00	1 23	1 23	99	99	.....	526 47	798 97
Lorado Circuit	75 20	69 02	470 00	430 18	8 66	8 66	25 86	16 00	40 04	27 00	19 15	13 00	.....	22 02	15 00	14 17	10 00	8 05	8 05	1 53	1 00	1 20	1 00	55 00	653 91	676 41
Corning	160 00	160 00	1000 00	1000 00	18 42	18 42	55 01	55 01	85 16	85 16	40 75	40 75	.....	46 86	46 86	30 16	30 16	17 12	17 12	3 26	3 26	2 59	2 59	742 98	2202 31	3122 32
Knobel Circuit	72 00	72 00	450 00	450 00	8 30	8 30	24 78	18 00	38 39	18 29	18 36	8 00	.....	21 10	14 00	13 55	6 00	7 71	6 54	1 45	1 00	1 16	1 16	27 32	630 61	952 53
Pocahontas Circuit	40 00	34 45	250 00	215 25	4 58	4 58	13 71	4 00	21 21	6 70	10 16	3 00	.....	11 68	2 00	7 53	2 00	4 27	4 30	83	83	64	64	1 75	279 50	565 50
Pocahontas and Hoxie	112 00	108 10	700 00	675 25	12 88	12 88	38 48	35 00	59 59	50 00	28 51	28 51	.....	32 78	32 78	21 10	10 00	11 98	7 03	2 29	2 00	1 80	1 80	.....	963 35	2237 14
Reyno Circuit	72 00	54 05	450 00	316 23	8 30	3 00	24 78	10 70	38 39	5 00	18 36	4 50	.....	21 10	5 03	13 55	2 25	7 71	2 00	1 45	.....	1 16	85	.....	403 61	868 61
Mammoth Spring	96 00	96 00	600 00	600 00	11 06	11 06	33 00	22 00	51 10	51 00	24 46	24 46	.....	28 13	14 00	18 10	11 69	10 27	10 27	1 96	1 96	1 56	1 56	2 00	846 00	1244 38
Hardy Circuit	58 00	42 00	362 00	258 00	6 62	5 00	19 78	5 00	36 62	5 00	14 65	5 00	.....	16 84	2 00	10 84	.....	6 15	3 50	1 18	.....	94	1 00	327 50	384 50	
Imboden	104 00	94 80	650 00	575 00	11 99	10 00	35 79	17 80	55 41	30 00	26 51	23 31	.....	30 48	15 00	19 62	19 62	11 14	11 14	2 13	1 00	1 70	1 70	506 38	1305 75	1811 75
Black Rock and Portia	110 00	114 83	690 00	720 17	12 17	12 70	37 93	37 93	58 74	58 74	28 10	28 10	.....	32 33	32 33	20 80	20 80	11 81	11 81	2 25	2 25	1 78	1 78	40 00	1081 44	1426 44
Walnut Ridge	160 00	160 00	1000 00	1000 00	18 42	18 40	55 01	40 20	85 18	70 00	40 75	30 00	.....	46 86	30 00	30 16	22 30	17 11	15 11	3 26	2 50	2 59	2 60	212 50	1603 61	2200 96
Maynard Circuit	73 60	38 85	460 60	224 79	8 48	8 66	25 32	8 00	39 19	12 00	18 76	7 50	.....	21 57	6 00	13 86	5 00	7 87	3 61	1 50	.....	1 19	1 00	30 00	345 41	544 46
Total	1962 94	1756 67	12276 68	11059 70	225 46	201 03	674 88	475 15	1051 00	669 90	500 00	363 11	.....	574 91	343 80	369 93	214 98	210 00	177 77	40 00	27 91	31 80	30 94	2426 38	17747 34	27704 67
Total Last Year	1920 00	1646 27	12000 00	10450 78	226 00	211 89	539 70	463 89	1056 35	786 42	400 00	343 29	262 50	454 00	323 58	350 00	204 55	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	3052 32	17774 49	28944 47
Increase	42 94	110 40	276 68	608 92	.....	.....	135 18	11 26	.....	.....	100 00	19 82	.....	120 91	20 22	19 93	10 43	210 00	177 77	40 00	25 91	31 80	30 94	.....	.....	.....
Decrease	54	10 86	5 35	116 52	262 50	625 94	27 15	1239 80

\$430.38 paid by Imboden to Sloan-Hendrix Academy.

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Searcy.....	240 00	240 00	1500 00	1500 00	27 00	27 00	87 00	87 00	146 00	146 00	70 00	70 00	72 00	72 00	52 00	52 00	30 00	30 00	6 00	6 00	4 50	4 50	2234 50	3600 50
West Searcy.....	96 00	96 00	504 00	550 00	8 00	8 00	25 00	25 00	42 00	42 00	20 00	20 00	.....	21 00	21 00	15 50	15 50	8 50	8 50	1 60	1 60	1 20	1 20	.....	788 80	1090 68
Tuckerman.....	112 00	112 00	800 00	800 00	12 00	12 00	39 00	39 00	65 00	48 31	30 00	30 00	.....	32 00	32 00	21 50	21 50	13 00	.....	3 00	3 00	2 25	2 25	.....	1100 06	6854 66
Newport.....	168 00	168 00	1200 00	1200 00	21 50	21 50	70 00	70 00	112 00	112 00	50 00	50 00	.....	52 50	52 50	42 00	42 00	24 00	24 00	3 50	3 00	3 00	2 00	1160 00	2905 00	3490 83
Auvergne and Weldon.....	95 50	98 45	675 00	652 50	11 00	11 00	36 00	28 00	55 00	55 00	24 00	21 50	.....	25 00	21 50	21 00	20 00	12 00	10 00	1 85	1 60	1 60	1 50	526 00	1447 05	1670 80
Wiville.....	70 00	60 72	500 00	431 88	7 25	7 25	24 00	20 00	39 00	20 00	18 00	15 00	.....	19 00	20 00	14 00	10 00	8 00	5 00	1 60	.....	1 20	1 20	25 50	616 55	958 20
Augusta.....	140 00	140 00	1000 00	1100 00	18 00	18 00	54 00	54 00	89 00	89 00	45 00	45 00	.....	47 00	47 00	34 00	34 00	18 00	18 00	3 50	3 50	2 75	2 75	563 50	2114 75	2334 14
Bald Knob.....	75 00	57 35	536 00	409 65	7 25	7 20	24 00	22 00	39 00	37 00	18 00	16 00	.....	19 00	17 00	14 00	14 00	8 00	8 00	1 60	1 60	1 20	1 20	.....	591 00	971 00
West Point.....	67 90	58 33	485 00	358 32	7 25	7 25	25 00	11 25	42 00	18 90	20 00	9 00	.....	21 00	10 00	15 00	6 75	8 50	3 85	1 60	1 60	1 20	1 20	488 85	975 30	1793 63
Beebe.....	84 00	12 00	600 00	419 40	12 50	12 50	40 00	10 00	60 00	14 00	31 25	7 00	.....	33 00	10 00	24 00	6 00	14 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	1 60	1 60	66 70	566 20	760 67
Bethany.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	15 00	.....	22 00	.....	11 25	.....	.....	12 00	.....	8 00	.....	5 00	.....	50	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
El Paso.....	67 20	62 00	480 00	415 00	7 25	7 00	24 00	13 65	39 00	10 00	18 00	8 00	.....	19 50	6 00	14 00	5 00	8 00	7 75	1 60	.....	1 20	1 20	11 00	546 60	1129 50
Cato.....	51 10	33 80	365 00	211 22	7 25	7 25	24 00	20 00	39 00	20 00	18 00	10 00	.....	19 50	5 00	14 00	5 00	8 00	2 50	1 60	1 60	1 20	1 20	27 00	344 57	389 42
Dye Memorial.....	112 00	112 00	800 00	800 00	14 50	14 50	46 00	36 00	80 00	80 00	36 50	36 50	.....	38 00	38 00	27 00	27 00	15 00	15 00	3 10	.....	2 58	2 50	110 00	1271 50	1551 50
Gardner Memorial.....	84 00	51 85	600 00	360 90	11 00	11 00	35 00	15 00	55 00	55 00	27 00	27 00	.....	28 50	15 00	21 00	15 00	12 00	12 00	2 00	2 00	1 20	1 20	100 00	665 95	863 00
Cabot.....	98 00	98 00	700 00	700 00	11 00	11 00	35 00	35 00	55 00	55 00	27 00	27 00	.....	28 50	28 00	21 00	21 00	12 00	12 00	2 00	2 00	1 20	1 00	165 00	1155 00	1932 94
Heber.....	63 00	63 00	450 00	450 00	7 25	7 25	24 00	24 00	39 00	39 00	18 00	18 00	.....	19 50	19 50	14 00	14 00	8 50	.....	1 60	1 60	1 20	1 20	67 53	705 08	1122 90
Pangburn and Mt. Pisgah.....	43 40	38 00	310 00	300 00	7 25	5 00	24 00	3 00	39 00	8 00	18 00	5 00	.....	19 50	3 00	14 00	2 00	8 50	.....	1 60	1 00	1 20	.....	365 00	.....	365 00
McRae.....	67 90	31 27	485 00	223 09	4 50	4 50	15 00	5 00	22 00	5 05	11 25	5 00	.....	12 00	5 00	8 00	2 00	5 20	2 00	50	50	50	50	108 60	392 51	496 81
Total.....	1735 00	1532 77	11990 00	10881 96	206 25	199 20	666 00	517 90	1079 00	854 26	511 25	420 00	.....	538 50	422 50	394 00	312 75	226 20	163 60	40 75	32 60	31 28	28 20	3419 68	18785 42	31376 18
Total Last Year.....	1728 88	1575 82	10991 25	10188 47	192 50	194 25	523 00	446 12	1055 00	841 26	408 00	343 90	16 00	405 50	300 15	389 50	285 30	226 20	163 60	42 35	27 80	.....	.....	2548 93	16768 00	35708 44
Increase.....	6 12	998 75	693 49	13 75	4 95	143 00	71 78	24 00	13 00	103 25	76 10	133 00	122 35	4 50	27 45	4 80	31 28	28 20	870 75	2017 42
Decrease.....	43 05	16 00	1 60	4332 26

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